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YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

Tahiti adventure for Socceroos Editorial

It is pleasing that a regulation has been applied to students who attend the Australian Institute of Sport. After graduation from this first class program they must remain in the Australian Soccer system for two years. They can then take up an overseas position.

This means that taxpayers, who effectively fund the AIS, have an opportunity to see the products of the scheme in action, on the local scene.

With this welcome change Ericsson Cup clubs must be encouraged to sign up the graduates and be prepared to play them in their first teams.

On the other hand the teenagers themselves must repress their desire to gain a professional contract overseas for a further development period of just two years.

More professional positions must be created by the clubs to ensure that those fresh from the AIS can enjoy a fulfilling start to their careers in Soccer. For in Canberra the students have lived the World Game every minute of every day for twelve months.

It will be a huge challenge for the clubs to ensure that they keep their new signing highly motivated. It will be all too easy to lose the momentum.

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The case of Joe Simunic makes for interesting speculation. Here is a young man with boundless talent on the field apparently being torn apart by forces he doesn't wish to make public. This of course leads to much speculation.

Certainly a player should be ambitious to play at the highest level possible. Surely an international tour with your country's World Youth Cup squad is an inviting attraction.

Four weeks of pure Association Football, on tour in South America, including a number of games against the national selections of Chile and Argentina. An opportunity to be grabbed, surely.

Apparently the talented teenager had personal problems to sort out and instead of going with his contemporaries across the Pacific, he announced he was going to Bali; for a holiday?

As it turned out Bali changed into Croatia, for some, as yet, unexplained reason. He talked with one of the leading clubs in that country. The one that Mark Viduka, Australian international, is starring with.

Could it be that pressure is being applied to Simunic to change allegiance from Australia to another country? After all informed sources reckon he is a certainty to play for the Socceroos.

If this is the case then shame on those bringing that pressure. The ultimate result could see Joe Simunic so disillusioned that he drops out of the game forever. Never to realise his true potential.

— Bob Brooks

The Oceania Football Confederation has struck a lucrative four-year marketing deal with a Hong Kong-based firm that promises the 10 member OFC financial security, funds to lift playing standards in the Pacific and the region's first-ever cyberspace link-up, according to OFC president Charlie Dempsey (right).

"This is an exciting day for football in Oceania which has suffered for too long with low levels of investment," said Dempsey, head of the Auckland, New Zealand-based Confederation.

Financial terms of the deal were not revealed except that Dempsey commented the OFC were guaranteed "an annual six-figure sum for four years plus a six-figure signing bonus".

The tournaments included in the sponsorship agreement are the 1998 and 2000 Oceania Nations Cup and the 1999 Olympic football qualifying tournament. The Nations Cup decides the region's team in the Saudi Arabia-hosted FIFA Confederation Cup worth \$US500,000 to each entrant.

According to Dempsey, as part of the contract AML will publish a bimonthly OFC news magazine, commission and run an OFC website and work with OFC members to professionalise and develop football marketing in their own countries.

In other OFC news, Dempsey told delegates to an extraordinary congress held Saturday and Sunday he would press world body FIFA to issue guarantee letters to Oceania members allowing them to borrow up to \$US200,000 against the promised US\$1 million per country FIFA plans to distribute from the 2002 World Cup profits.

"I am hoping FIFA will agree with this and enable our

countries to start development programmes now instead of waiting until the turn of the century," said Dempsey.

In another development, Dempsey cautioned that the OFC "was still some way away from complete agreement" with a Sydney-based entrepreneur seeking to start an eight-team club competition called the Asia-Pacific Cup.

"The executive did agree with the proposal but only in principle. There are many areas that still need to be tackled including which OFC countries and which clubs will



take part," said Dempsey, adding the OFC will determine who takes part.

On Saturday in Papeete Australia will play Tahiti in the first leg of a tie which will decide the Champions of the Oceania Football Confederation. The second leg is scheduled for Canberra on November 1.

The Champions will then go on to represent Oceania in the Confederation Cup which will be held in Saudi Arabia, next December 1997.

For Australian football, this could be the biggest breakthrough since the 1974 World Cup in West Germany - the only Finals Australia has ever appeared in.

If the Socceroos qualify, it will mean an appearance on the World Stage with seven other big guns, including the World's current Numbers 1 and 2 - Brazil (World Cup Holders) and Germany (European Champions).

If you add to these Uruguay (South American Champs), South Africa (Africa), Japan (Asia), Mexico (CONCACAF) and the hosts Saudi Arabia you get what is virtually a "Mini World Cup".

So far, we know very little about Tahitian soccer except that they are the current Champions of the Malanesia/Polynesia section of Oceania. They are also ranked 157 in the world which makes them fourth in Oceania behind Australia (52nd), New Zealand (102) and Fiji (140).

Tahiti squad: Harold Amara (Aged 26), Patrick Appiou (31), Tetahio Auna (23), Eric Etaeta (27), Ricky Fassain (24), Rex Faura (25), Cesar Fenuati (28), Maheanu Gaten (24), Laurent Heinis (28), Heipua Lucas (28), Jean Ludivion (23), Stello Mama (26), Reupena Raumati (24), Jean Loup Rousseau (26), Tehina Tahitotera (24), Aldo Tauhiara (22), Reynald Temarti (29), Farahia Teuira (24), John Thunot (28), Stephane Thirau (21), Heimana Vahiho (25), Jean-Paul Wong (29).

Australian squad: Goal - Zeljko Kalac (Sydney Utd), Jason Petkovic (Adelaide City). Defenders - Alex Tobin, Milan Ivanovic (Adelaide City), Robbie Hooker (West Adelaide), Tony Popovic (Sydney Utd), Milan Blagojevic (UTS Olympic), Midfield Craig Foster, Matthew Bingley (Marconi Fairfield), Jason Polak (St. Melbourne), Ernie Tapai, Goran Lozanovski (Collingwood Warriors), Paul Wade (Canberra Cosmos), Robert Enes (Sydney United), Alistair Edwards (UTS Olympic).

Strikers: Paul Trimboli, Warren Spink (St. Melbourne), Kris Trajanovski (UTS Olympic).

Progression in Sydney's East

The progressive Sydney Cosmos and Eastern Suburbs Soccer Football Association amalgamation is busy preparing for 1997.

Despite their combined disappointment at not being invited into the NSW Soccer Federation Super League, they are recruiting players through trials.

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MATCH REPORTS

KNIGHTS DOMINANT BUT SCORE ONE

Melbourne Knights 1

By DWYGH TUFFNELL

Gippsland Falcons 0

Melbourne Knights saw off a resilient Gippsland Falcons, 1-0, at Knights Stadium on Sunday night.

Coming off a hiding from Collingwood Warriors the week before, the Knights threatened to run up double figures in the first half.

The goal came two minutes before the half time break. Inspirational skipper Andrew Marth succeeding where John Markovski and Ollie Pondeljak had failed in a mad goalmouth scramble.

That was just one of a catalogue of chances the Knights ran up in the first period with both Pondeljak brothers and Markovski shooting at the target whenever they had the chance.

The Falcons couldn't manage a shot on target in the first forty-five minutes but had some half chances in the second to level up.

Will Hastie missed a glaring opportunity in the 68th minute when he missed the goal completely with Knights' keeper Vilson Knezevic well beaten.

Clayton Bell also came close before Knights striker

Ice Kutlesovski had two chances to make the game safe.

The first came when he muffed a free header presented to him by substitute Ante Deak.

His second came much closer thanks to a Falcons deflection of his powerful left foot strike that beat Jim Kourtis but sailed just wide.

Falcons substitute Billy Mitroulas nearly equalised late in the game when he guided Marcus Stergiopoulos' cross wide of Knezevic's post.

"I thought we dominated the game for long, long spells ... it's just a pity we couldn't get the second goal to kill off the game," said Knights coach Ian Dobson after the match.

"At 1-0 they've always still got a chance but I was very happy with the performance.

"There was lots of good performances today, we had winners all over the park."

Dobson admitted that scoring goals is a problem, but with Adrian Cervinski sidelined and Pondeljak just making a return now he believes that Markovski and Kutlesovski can do the job.

We will get better than this,



we're probably three to four weeks from coming good.

"With players like Adrian Cervinski, Ivan Duzel and Joe Simunic to make themselves available we still have quality players to come into this lineup."

Falcons coach Frank Arok is concerned with the two first half performances of his team but believes they were the

Knights: Knezevic, D. Cervinski, Marth, Silic, Lapsansky, O. Pondeljak (Deak 63), J. Markovski, Kutlesovski (Trupkovic 90), Vojtek, T. Pondeljak, Banini.

Falcons: Kourtis, Marcina, Stergiopoulos, Mangos, Palamaras, Gimenez (Mitroulas 45), Krncevic, Duric (Sekulic 72), Bell, Villani (Canosa 58), Hastie.

Scorers: Marth (43)

Yellow Cards: Knights: J. Markovski (45). Falcons: Palamaras (32), Canosa (61), Mitroulas (90).

Referee: S. Micallef.

POY: 3-Lapsansky, 2-Cervinski, 1-Marth.

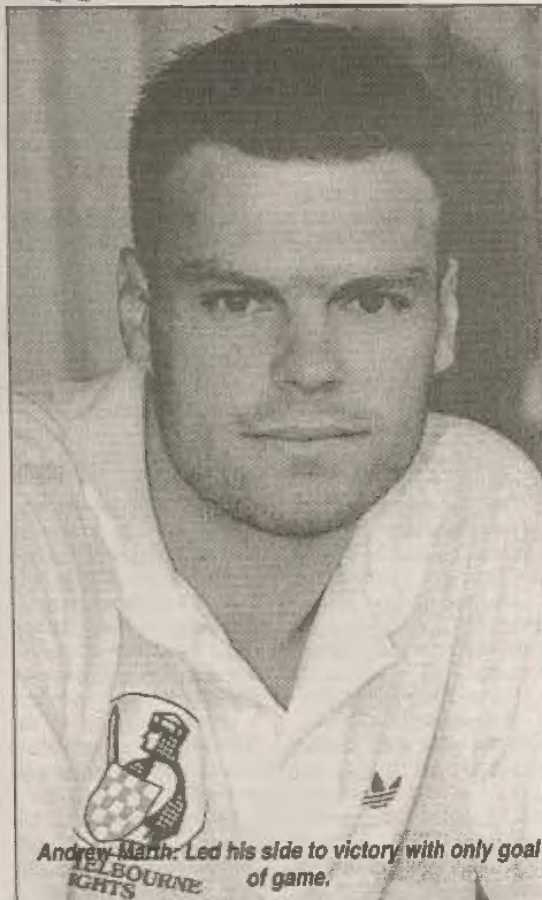
Crowd: 3,760

better side in the second of both those games.

"We had three good chances in nine minutes but couldn't put any of them away.

"Having that team for only two to three weeks, I would say we have done quite well.

"We have to know how to win it," Arok concluded.



SOUTH DISAPPOINT HOME CROWD AGAINST PUMAS

South Melbourne 1

By JOHN RIGAS

Sydney United 3

Sydney United produced a first-half onslaught, scoring three goals to destroy any chance South Melbourne had of gaining their first home victory in front of a huge crowd at Bob Jane Stadium on Sunday. Sydney piled on the pressure right from the outset, looking confident on the ball in their attacking forays.

It seemed as if South Melbourne had an impact on the scoreboard as early as the 8th minute.

Vaughan Coveny provided a cross for fellow striker Warren Spink. Spink laid the ball back to Coveny whose shot took a deflection, which troubled Zeljko Kalac. A foul was ruled against Paul Trimboli on Kalac for pushing, as the ball crossed the line.

United also found the back of the net in the 12th minute. Tony Popovic knocked the ball forward to Ante Milicic. His effort was cancelled off by a defender.

The Sydneysiders kept the Lakers defence working overtime when Popovic came close to scoring on two occasions within a minute. Popovic's first attempt was cleared off the goal line in a combined effort by Fausto De Amicis and Michael Petkovic. The rebound fell back to Popovic who struck the upright.

It didn't come as a surprise when Sydney opened their account.

New signing Kresimir Marusic was left with ample time to fire his shot which

sailed over the head of Petkovic and into the goal.

Ante Moric was one of five United players shown the yellow card when he was penalised for pulling back Coveny who was racing towards goal.

The winner arrived in the 38th minute when striker David Zdrilic scored a sizzling goal on the turn from 20 metres from a pass provided by Popovic via a Marusic corner.

Zdrilic found time for a second three minutes before the break. The speedy Zdrilic finished off a Robert Trajkovski cross to dent Souths hopes.

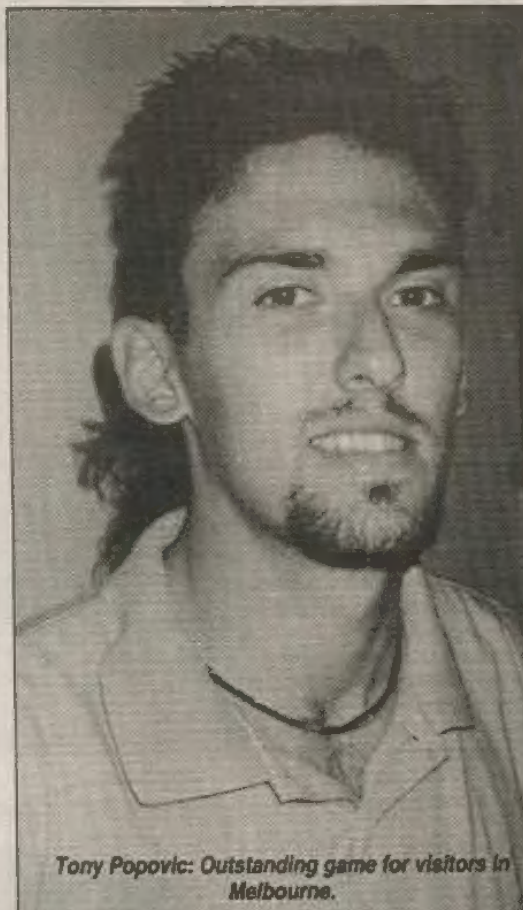
The Lakers scored a consolation goal one minute into the second stanza through defender Nick Orlic. The ball was flicked into the path of Orlic who headed the ball past Kalac.

The goal seemed to inspire the home team as they attacked in search of a miracle with long range strikes by Jason Polak and George Goutzioulis.

Goutzioulis had no option but to try his luck. His shot nearly paid off as it caught goalkeeper Kalac by surprise. Kalac was forced to knock the ball over the bar.

Referee Barry Panella handed out eight yellow cards in total.

United coach Branko Culina remarked "today we were more disciplined than last week." This was despite the fact that his team was shown the yellow card five times.



Lakers: Petkovic, Orlic, Kuzmanovic, Polak, Coveny, Trimboli, Spink, Iosifidis, Clarkson (Panopoulos 68), Liparoti (Goutzioulis 46), De Amicis.

United: Kalac, Trajkovski, Kupresak, Popovic, Babic, Enes (Cvetko 58), Marusic (Rudan 85), Moric, Milicic, Zdrilic, Bilokapic.

Scorers: Lakers: Orlic (46), United: Marusic (25), Zdrilic (38,42)

Yellow Cards: Lakers: Clarkson (9), Polak (30), Kuzmanovic (79)

United: Enes (35), Moric (36), Babic (46), Kupresak (51), Bilokapic (83).

Referee: Panella

POY: 3-Popovic, 2-Marusic, 1-Zdrilic.

Crowd: 8,668

In reference to Souths defence Culina said, "we ripped them, the goals we scored were super goals." Culina also praised his players on an excellent performance.

Culina was impressed with the display by Marusic, "Marusic adds another dimension with his freekicks and corners," Culina added.

South Melbourne coach Angie Postecoglou described Souths first-half performance as pathetic and a slight improvement by his players in the second-half.

Postecoglou remarked "we just didn't compete in the first-half, the players expected things to happen."

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MATCH REPORTS

BREAKERS AGONISED BY STRIKERS

Brisbane Strikers 6

By GLENN DAVIS

Newcastle Breakers 1

Topper Breakers' experienced the highs and lows of a week of Ericsson Cup football, crashing to an embarrassing 6-1 defeat by Brisbane Strikers at Suncorpo Stadium on Saturday night.

The Breakers, backing up after their 6-1 win over West Adelaide last week, experienced yet another horror journey to Brisbane following their 5-0 defeat in the corresponding game last season.

The right blend of experience and youthful exuberance paved the way for the Strikers' convincing victory, which gave former Soccerroo Frank Farina his first win as a coach in the Ericsson Cup, since taking over from Bruce Stowell.

Sharpshooter Rod Brown, who was under some pressure after being off target in last week's nil-all draw with Adelaide City, responded magnificently with a hat-trick to restore Farina's faith in his striking partner.

Brown, who overcame a knee reconstruction earlier in his career, has built up a formidable relationship up front with Farina after bagging 13 goals last season. At 32, the former Soccerroo is one of only four players to score more than 100 National

League goals and after his Newcastle treble, looks well on the way to repeating last year's deeds.

The Strikers began the match with a series of lightning raids, matched only by near torrential rain which hit the ground in the last 20 minutes. After only four minutes, they had landed three strikes close to the target and it wasn't surprising to see the deadlock broken after 10 minutes, with the first of Brown's trio.

Skipper Alan Hunter, who played a hand in two of Brown's goals, found himself in the clear down the left flank. But instead of using his trademark left foot, he tucked a neat right footed cross for Brown to drive home past Newcastle keeper Liam Baker.

Hunter was again in the thick of the action three minutes later. But this time, he was called upon to make a last-ditch clearance off his own goal line after a Troy Halpin cross looked bound for goal, past stranded keeper Clint Bolton.

Although leading by the solitary goal, the Strikers were in total control until a rush of blood caused midfielder Andrew Brayshaw to handball a lofted cross in the 24th minute. Glenn Sprod dispatched the ball from the



penalty spot, enabling the visitors to draw level.

Perhaps the biggest turning point of the game occurred five minutes before half time when Soccerroo Sean Cranney scored from near the side line. He drove a low cross into the box towards Brown, which was deflected in by defender Todd McManus and though Cranney raised his arm to claim the goal, there was some conjecture whether or not it was really an own goal.

The second half was all one-way traffic with the Strikers clearly dominating. Brown picked up his second and extended the Strikers'

lead to 3-1 at the 61st minute mark, again after combining with Hunter. The experienced defender broke down the left flank before firing in a pinpoint cross for another Brown header.

The Strikers had the game by the throat at this stage, but not even the torrential downpour dampened their spirits as the home side surged forward looking for more blood.

Veteran midfielder Gary Phillips put away the fourth in the 69th minute, striking a 25 metres drive past a hopelessly stranded Baker.

A defensive error by

Brisbane Strikers:

Bolton, Gwynne, Hunter (Wright 72), Phillips, Farina, S Cranney, T Cranney, Brown, Battistin, Brayshaw (Becirbecovic 64), Wehrman.

Topper Breakers:

Baker, Sprod, Moore, Ironside, Halpin, G Wilson (Heath 63), Bennett, McManus (Sharpley 75), M Wilson, Austin, McGuire (Thomas 62).

Yellow Cards: Strikers: Brayshaw (24), Battistin (41). Breakers: M Wilson (63).

Scorers: Strikers: Brown (10, 61, 80), S Cranney (40), G Phillips (69), Farina (90 pen). Breakers: Sprod (24 pen).

Referee: M Shield

Crowd: 4,572

POY: 3-Brown, 2-Hunter, 1-Wehrman

Newcastle's Robbie Ironside led to the fifth ten minutes from time by enabling Troy Cranney to pounce setting up Brown for his hat-trick.

Farina, who had several chances, particularly in the first half to open his personal account, finally got his reward in injury time when he tucked away a penalty after being felled in the box by Baker.



Rod Brown: One of few players to score over 100 goals at the top level.

WARRIORS WORRY STALLIONS

Marconi 1

By JOHN ECONOMOS

Collingwood 1

A defiant Collingwood plus the fact that Marconi's striker and captain Andy Harper was having a nightmare match, resulted in the League's new entry achieving a 1-1 draw last Saturday night at the Marconi Stadium.

Harper could easily have had four goals against his name but it was not to be. As early as the 11th minute he 'bombed' his first chance from close range following good lead up work by young colleague striker Sean Babic.

Three minutes later Craig Foster cracked a ball out wide to the left for midfielder Vlado Zoric to cross into the box, but Harper blasted it against the right post.

The Marconi skipper again saw lady luck desert him when just before half time, following a flat cross by left 'wing-back' Brendan Renaud into the six yard box, he first timed a left footed blast only to see it miraculously flicked over the top by Collingwood's Olympic keeper Frank Juric.

Marconi's coach, despite witnessing Harper's horrendous luck-less streak, correctly refused to hook his striker allowing him more time to regain confidence and possibly retrieve some luck, but this was not to be. In the 67th minute 'Harper's horrors'

continued when he again missed a sitter. Francis Awaritefe raided down the right and crossed to Foster in the centre of the box. Foster short-passed to Harper on the back post and from no less than three metres out, the Marconi marksman shaved the left post with a side-footed effort.

Collingwood also struck bad luck as early as the 12th minute, losing their right midfielder Goran Lozanovski who limped off with an ankle injury after being heavily tackled by Babic.

He was replaced by the highly talented Brian McNicol, who did not disappoint as he repeatedly tore Marconi apart down the flanks and intelligently fed his inside men into counter attacks.

Four minutes from half time Collingwood's striker Andy Vlahos, from an acute angle on the left, had Marconi's giant goal keeper Bobby Catlin fully stretched to stop a certain goal.

As so often happens in Soccer it was the defending side Collingwood that drew first blood, through substitute McNicol who headed in an Ernie Tapai cross from the left.

The last 15 minutes of the match exploded into a relentless series of counter attacks from both sides with

the frustrated Marconi pushing more and more men forward, desperately searching for the vital equaliser.

After the break, Schaeffer injected Francis Awaritefe into the attack, which added instant success.

Only magnificent goalkeeping by both custodians restricted the score line from advancing into a flood of goals.

In the 84th minute Collingwood could have doubled their lead when lanky left midfielder Con Boutsianis broke clear and shot on target only for Catlin to block. The rebound was smashed in by Vlahos, ricocheted onto the right post and the second rebound was hit back in by McNicol, but desperately just cleared.

2 minutes later, ball playing midfielder Zoric had a point blank chance, but again the magnificent Juric made a fabulous save.

Finally, with a minute to go, Marconi equalised when Foster crossed from the left allowing midfielder Matthew Bingley to knock it into the target.

And still in the dying seconds the match could have gone either way especially when Collingwood's captain Kimon Talliadoros streaked away on a 50 metre raid with

Catlin bursting off his line. But before Catlin even reached Talliadoros, the Collingwood striker pushed the ball inches wide of the right post. The excitement in this last quarter of an hour reached a crescendo that electrified the atmosphere in the grandstand.

For Marconi, Catlin proved their saviour during Collingwood's second half revival, and his performance was closely followed by the stinging attacks of Awaritefe.

While for the Victorians, substitute lanky right midfielder McNicol and Juric were both superb.

A surly Collingwood coach Zoran Matic could only reflect "we were totally outplayed by Marconi and we had to make too many changes. They had heaps of chances but in the second half we also created many."

Meanwhile, Marconi's master Manfred Schaeffer reflected "I rated their goal keeper very highly but this was one of our best performances having created countless chances."

"We completely demolished them in the first half and I was very satisfied with the non-stop attack play, but you still need maximum points to win a league championship."

Marconi Fairfield:

Catlin, Stanton (Maloney 77), Bingley, Harper (Holst 72), Foster, Ravanella, Longo, Babic (Awaritefe 46), Souris, Renaud, Zoric.

Collingwood

Warriors: Juric, Cerrachio, Talladira, Vlahos, Boutsianis, Talliadoros, Tapai, Lozanovski (McNicol), Pak, Jolevski (Waddell 74), Scott.

Yellow Card:

Collingwood: Tapai

Referee: D Crawford

Scorers: Marconi: Awaritefe (89), McNicol (54)

Crowd: 6,237

POY: 3-Juric, 2-Catlin, 1-McNicol



Brian McNicol: Came on early as a sub and scored the first goal of game in second half.

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MATCH REPORTS

Olympic in by narrow margin

UTS Olympic

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By JOHN ECONOMOS

Canberra Cosmos

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UTS Olympic last Sunday night retained their unbeaten record when they tenaciously defeated a defiant Canberra Cosmos 1-0, at their new home ground, Belmore Oval in front of a healthy crowd of 7,428, to send their supporters home in a most happy mood.

In the dying seconds of the match, that went into six minutes of stoppage time, Olympic came storming through with substitute Nick Meredith shaving the right post with a scorching seventeen metre free kick. Kris Trajanovski was denied any joy with consecutive shots that rebounded to his feet from the brave Canberra custodian Anthony Giannasca.

Canberra's midfield of valiant warriors Norman Kelly, John Koch and David

Milin, battled hard in attempting to stem a furious Olympic onslaught midway through the second half that failed to yield the home side further goals.

In contrast Olympic's defence of David Barrett, Adam Ciantar, Scott Baillie and Milan Blagojevic rarely were put under pressure.

The Canberra attack of veteran strikers Marko Perinovic and Lachlan Armstrong were rarely the recipients of quality ball supply to enable them to inflict any serious threats on the Sydney team.

Olympic opened the score in the tenth minute through striker Norman Tome. Fellow strikers Trajanovski and Derek Poimer combined brilliantly to set up Tome who was well positioned on the back post to

draw first blood.

Six minutes from the break, and following a free kick for a foul by Olympic's central marker, Baillie on Canberra's Kelly, Armstrong had the Olympic goalkeeper George Bouhoutsos fully stretched to save the danger and turn it for a corner.

Just prior to kick off, Canberra coach, Mick Lyons reshuffled his line up electing to play his captain and central midfielder Paul Wade as sweeper and switch his regular lateral defender Johnny Koch into the centre of Canberra's middle line.

A courageous Canberra Cosmos was left to battle with only nine field players for the last 37 minutes after left wing back Peter Mazis was sent off by referee Con Diomis for a second bookable offence.

Mazis had fouled Olympic's stocky striker Poimer and had been previously booked in the 16th minute for dissent.

Five minutes after the send off Olympic with a spectacular attacking double triangular thrust involving Barrett, Peter Tsekens and Poimer saw the latter lift his final shot just over the cross bar from close range.

In full fury now in the 74th and 75th minutes both Meredith and Tome selfishly attempted long range shots that ultimately went wide while on both occasions they had excellent support players offering better alternative options.

Best performers for Olympic were Captain and right back Barrett, Baillie who nullified Canberra's target man Perinovic and striker

Poimer. For Canberra Giannasca, Kelly and Armstrong tried hard.

A disappointed Canberra coach Mick Lyons reflected "the first half against the wind, we conceded a sloppy goal but I honestly believed we had a chance by knocking balls to Perinovic in the second half. But we lost Mazis so early in the second half that we were always up against it and had to battle hard."

The subdued Olympic coach, David Ratcliffe quietly commented, "we created that many chances that we should have had it all wrapped up in the first half. We had them for pace and for the next game against Morwell I will have Emerton and Zelic back in the team because we did not repeatedly finish correctly on so many occasions."

UTS: Bouhoutsos; Barrett, Ciantar, Baillie, Blagojevic; Tsekens, Ardane, Edwards; Tome (Augerinos 85); Trajanovski, Poimer (Meredith 59).
Cosmos: Giannasca; Dee, Watson (Baxter 85); Rogic, Wade, Mazis; Kelly, Koch, Milin (Lemezina 80, Buljan 89); Perinovic, Armstrong.
Scorers: Tome (10)
Yellow Cards: Olympic: Blagojevic (7), Baillie (39), Ciantar (81).
Canberra: Mazis (16,53), Perinovic(34), Baxter (89).
Red Card: Mazis (53)
Crowd: 7,428
Referee: C Diomis
POY: 3-Barrett, 2-Baillie, 1-Giannasca



David Barrett: Played a Captain's role in Olympic victory.

NEW LOOK WOLVES VICTORIOUS

By PHIL MURPHY

Wollongong Wolves

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Adelaide City

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A goal from captain Matt Horsley three minutes from the end gave the new look Wollongong Wolves a 1-0 win over Adelaide City at Brandon Park on Sunday night.

The Wolves turned on a huge array of promotions for the crowd of 5,348 but Horsley attracted the biggest roar of the night.

Just when it seemed the club's big occasion would be marred by a scoreless draw, Wollongong fullback Alvin Cecolli pumped a long ball forward and Adelaide goalkeeper Jason Petkovic fumbled it.

Petkovic was challenged by Wolves replacement Sasho Dimoski, dropped the ball and Horsley slotted it home.

That brought Horsley's tally to three goals in just two games after he failed to find the net all last season.

While coach Nick Theodorakopoulos conceded his Wollongong team failed to perform as well as they did a week earlier against Sydney United he was happy with the effort.

"This league is all about grafting," the coach said.

"There are games where you will play well and others where you won't, but the successful sides will keep grafting away."

"It was a good team effort and my back three were outstanding."

New signing Garry Van Egmond slotted into the defence perfectly, while sweeper Jason Connolly didn't put a foot wrong.

After Wollongong started off well, they lost their impetus and Adelaide finished with the better scoring chances.

They were having the better of the second half with a strong breeze at their backs but strikers Brad Hassell wasn't allowed any room and the main threats came out of midfield.

Adelaide coach John Nyskohus said after the game the better team lost, "We expected them to come at us but they didn't."

"We had all the ball and on that performance we will win plenty of games."

"People want to know when we are going to sign new players but I believe we can do well with this side."

Wollongong: Hughes, Cecolli, Van Egmond, Horsley, Sevin, Reda, Perinich, Harlock, Joseski (Dimovski 64), Surjan (Bourke 89), Connolly.
Adelaide: Petkovic, Armour, Yates, Ivanovic, Tobin, Constanzo, Hassell, Menillo, Gibson, Brooks, Barbaro (Dodd 80).
Yellow cards: Wollongong, Harlock (42).
Adelaide: Armour (37), Dodd (83), Gibson (85), Minello (88).
Scorer: Horsley (87)
Referee: Hugo
Crowd: 5,348
POY: 3-Cecolli (W), 2-Armour (A), 1-Connolly (W) 1.

Best for Wollongong was Cecolli while Horsley never stopped running and Michael Reda and Anthony Surjan did well in midfield.

Wollongong's main problem was that their midfield played in patches and gave the ball away too much in the second half.

Brad Armour was solid at the back for Adelaide while with Dino Minellohe tried to get things moving in the midfield.



Matt Horsley: Got the all important lone goal.

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Girl excels in 'boy's' team

Dear Sir,
In your recent Asics competition in the Women's section I would like to let you, and my fellow readers, know something about one of your winners, Kristel Hawes (pictured below) of Oakhurst via Maryborough.

Kristel has been playing in the Maryborough boy's competition for some time. She was selected in the Maryborough boy's representative team in 1994, 1995 (Wide Bay Champions) and 1996. At the recent under 14 Gladstone Carnival she was the only girl to compete and was warmly praised by

the referees in charge.

This year the U/14 Rep side played in the under 16 boy's competition where she handled the grade with great distinction. Her team came fifth. Kristel has been a wonderful student of the game with great skills. She can juggle the ball 150 to 200 times. She is a pleasure to coach. I have been a reader of the Soccer Weekly for many years in NSW and now Queensland. Kristel looks forward to reading the Women's section each week.

George Cousins,
HERVEY BAY QLD.



Ericsson Cup on TV

Dear Sir,
In reply to Dominic Scullino's letter in ABSW dated 15th October.

Soccer Australia's decision to show up to three "live" Ericsson Cup matches in a week is the best thing that has happened to the game in this country in regards to media coverage.

Before Optus Vision, SBS could only muster up a one hour package on Monday nights or a match replay on Sunday nights at around 10.30pm.

With the commercial stations not wanting our game, I think there was no other option but to allow coverage on Optus Vision.

If a true soccer supporter wished for some live soccer then I'm sure the \$40-\$50 Optus Vision monthly fee would not be a bad choice.

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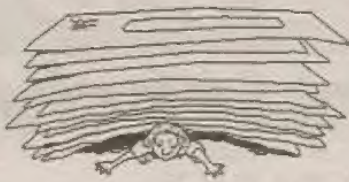
stations wake up and bring Soccer on board then the Optus Vision arrangement is the best the game has had in many years.

T. Golding,
HURSTVILLE, NSW.



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Is there anyone better?

Dear Sir,
Oh, Eddie. Your reported comment that Paul Okon is the best sweeper in the world after the Socceroos hold Saudi Arabia to a 0-0 draw, may find support among Australian soccer fans.

But why did you leave him out of the team against Argentina?

Eddie has had a charmed life as assistant coach for seven years and National coach for six years — 13 years!

In recent years he has had the 'best sweeper in the world', Paul Okon; the 'best young

goalkeeper in Europe', Mark Bosnich; Ned Zelic who was selected in FIFA's World Dream Team and still no real result.

I wonder what Rale Rasic would have done in 1974 with a few of those 120 Aussies earning their living overseas, and your Stuart Jones said last week that Eddie is 'copping flak' — and asked, 'Is there anyone better?' After 13 years I would be prepared to give our local grade 10 coach a go.

George Green,
ALSTONVILLE, NSW.

ABC RADIO SPORT RESPONDS

Dear Sir,
Readers of ABSW's editorial (15/10/96) unfamiliar with ABC Radio might have formed the view that Australia's premier radio sport programme, Grandstand, does not cover Soccer.

Nothing could be further from the truth. In the first show of the Ericsson Cup season, listeners heard a full report on the Newcastle — West Adelaide match and a season preview feature.

The match report included comments from Jason Bennett and Adrian Santrac recorded outside the dressing room just after the final whistle. The preview featured interviews with Eddie Krncevic, Kimon Taliadoros and Frank Furina.

On Sunday, we ran a round-up of Saturday's matches, including comments from Frank Arok and Manfred Schaefer. A preview of the Sunday night matches presented the views of Gary Marocchi and Bobby Despotovski.

Regular listeners know this service is provided every Saturday and Sunday of the season, and much more besides.

For instance, George Negus's criticism of Soccer Australia's handling of the logos issue was first heard on Grandstand, as was the first

full description of the hitherto undisclosed list of applicants for this season's Ericsson Cup.

Last season, all coaches of Ericsson Cup clubs were interviewed for the programme, along with over thirty players.

Of course, there's always room for improvement and expansion, and you're dead right in saying that some clubs still don't appreciate the significance of radio.

Surveys show Grandstand reaches a combined weekend audience of 1.5 million listeners, and news stories on Soccer reach hundreds of listeners through bulletins on metropolitan stations and the Triple J network.

My colleague John Thompson-Mills and I share most Soccer reporting responsibilities for both parts of that equation and we're always happy to talk to players and clubs who share our passion for the game.

Trevor Thompson ABC Radio,
SYDNEY NSW.

Editor's note: ABC Radio Sport is obviously open to Soccer stories but there are many other opportunities on their various stations which could be exploited by Clubs.

Support for Bosnich

The following letter has been sent to the football Association in London by Soccer Australia. It was addressed to Mr G. Kelly, General Secretary.

We understand from press reports that The Football Association is charging Mark Bosnich with misconduct.

Australia's football association, Soccer Australia, wishes to offer support for Mark Bosnich.

Soccer Australia is proud of Mark's achievements and public profile. We consider him to be an outstanding ambassador for the sport of football.

His efforts on and off the field have only brought good upon his sport and he has gone out of his way to help further the cause of football in Australia.

Soccer Australia has found Mark to be a bright and positive influence on those around him.

Mark is an achiever and an inspiration to

people from all walks of life.

It is clear from Mark's several public apologies that he has recognised the error of his antic.

While Soccer Australia would never condone Mark's action in this matter, we do note his total, unequivocal retraction and expect that his action will not be repeated.

The letter was signed by David Hill,
Chairman, Soccer Australia.



"Aren't you the referee that sent me off last week?"

Asian Pacific Cup MUST DO!

Dear Sir,
With astonishment I read a report that Soccer Australia is not endorsing the forthcoming Asian Pacific Cup in February!

The newspaper reported quoting David Hill as "ridiculing the whole tournament."

This is unacceptable to me and it should be to all Aussie soccer lovers. I have been saying for a long time how this could benefit our clubs, football players and spectators. Now that the opportunity is here SA is not going to support it.

This tournament has a budget of 50 million dollars and the Aussie clubs, the two

finalists of the Ericsson Cup, would get at least 500,000 each!

If we are to miss out I will never support David Hill.

I wonder if Harry Michaels is going to go through with it in spite of SA. It would be good if the media put pressure on Hill.

If we do enter we must send our best players representing these clubs as TV coverage will certainly showcase all the talents.

I hope that all clubs will support the idea.

What an incentive for all the clubs to be next years' finalists!

Gerry van Duuren,
WESTMEAD NSW.



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NEW CEO FOR VICTORIAN SOCCER FEDERATION

By LUKE BUTTIGIEG

From his days as a 10-year-old growing up in England, Victorian soccer's new Chief Executive Officer, Geoff Miles, has had a love of the round ball game.

So when he heard there was a vacancy at the VSF, he jumped at the chance to spearhead the games push towards the 21st Century.

"The opportunity to be involved in the development of the game in Victoria was naturally an exciting one for me," he said.

A Melbourne University graduate — with degrees in Commerce and Laws — Miles is no stranger to sports administration. He is keen on many sports being a former Sheffield Shield cricketer with Victoria.

He started his own business, Australian Sports Camps, in 1984, "to provide opportunities for junior players in key sports".

One of those "key sports" was soccer, and in the first year, Jimmy Rooney, Gary Cole and Jeff Olver were the



star attractions.

After selling the business, Miles became a manager at the National Tennis Centre when it opened in 1988.

The position required him to deal with tennis players on all levels from the average social player, to the elite juniors and adults.

During his time there, Miles was also client manager for the Stage Two development of Melbourne Park which cost \$23 million.

After a five-man panel of board members reviewed

applicants put forward by Lincroft Consultants, and recommended Miles, the board offered him the position.

Though only in the hot seat a short time, he has already widely consulted with many of the key groups in Victorian soccer, including clubs, referees, coaches and players.

"I'm making every effort to find out from all of the groups involved in soccer, what their views are on the critical issues that we should be tackling," Miles said.



With one of his objectives being to get as many people as possible involved in the game, he knows how vital it is to establish a junior development program that will provide a strong platform for future growth in the sport.

"With the other major sports working hard at this level... we need to apply greater effort to ensure we provide the best opportunity for boys and girls to be part of our great game," he said.

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Aussies Abroad

By HENRY WIZGIER

Australian football's biggest-name in the UK Mark Bosnich, has made the headlines for all the wrong reasons. We can hardly award him the Star Of The Week performance — perhaps an Iron Cross would be more appropriate!

Despite getting the full support of the Villa management and being exonerated by Spurs Chairman Alan Sugar, Bosnich may not be forgiven so easily by the fans outside of Birmingham, not to mention a certain tabloid newspaper.

It's not necessarily their moral indignation that will make Bosnich their target — they just love to have someone to vent their feelings out on.

Apart from that it was another quiet week for Aussies abroad owing partly to injuries (Zelic and Lazaridis) and partly to suspension, (Bernal).

But Mr. Reliable — Lucas Neill, manages to keep the flag flying albeit in the lower

divisions of the Football League, but if he continues to perform like this all season, it may not be long before we see glimpses of him on Monday nights ABC — with a Premier league club!

Lucas scored with a fine header and laid on Millwall's winner in their 2-1 home win over Chesterfield. For a Division Two (actual 3rd Division) the crowd of almost 8,000 at The Den, would be welcomed in any Ericsson League ground, not to mention a few European Premier Divisions.

In Division One, Frank Talia played very well for Swindon saving a header from point-blank range, and more importantly, two points against local rivals Oxford. The Wiltshire club won 1-0.

Lazio coach Zdenek Zeman obviously does not agree with Eddie Thomson who sees Paul Okon as the "world's greatest sweeper", because he insists on playing him in the middle of midfield. So far since his debut, the Aussie hasn't put a foot wrong.

What about Zeman for the Socceroo job?



Alan Sugar: He may have forgiven Bosnich, but will the Spurs fans forget?



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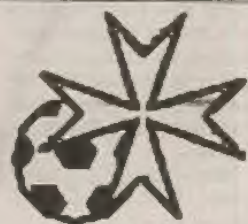
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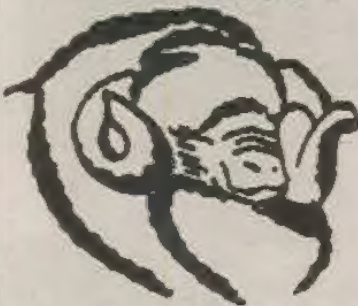
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AROUND THE CLUBS



FALCONS DRAG IN THE SHARKS

By DWYGH TUFFNELL

Early last season the Falcons were riding high.

Top of the table and under coach Harry Bingham they were playing some excellent attacking football.

But somewhere along the line for Bingham and his men things went horribly wrong.

They started to lose at home as well as away and that drove the crowds away in huge numbers.

But a new name, new players and most importantly a new coach have the club in a confident spirit.

Frank Arok has just about everything in Australian soccer and the Falcons believe he is the man to change the club's fortunes around.

After last seasons disappointment, players have

left the club in their droves forcing Arok to bring in almost an entire new squad.

He boasts that it was put together for around \$32,000 but it has been canned by the critics for being too inexperienced.

The Falcons, they said, would finish rock bottom.

But a goalless draw at home to South Melbourne on the opening day of the season was a result that was not expected.

A disappointing attendance of only 3,235 turned up to watch the Falcons that night.

It's a far cry from the days when the Falcons regularly attracted 5,500 to big games like that against the Lakers.

"We have to start winning these games if we are to get people back again," says team manager Rolf Lamb.

As funny as it seems, Lamb also believes that the cold

weather is a contributing factor.

Anyone who has sat in the main grandstand with a chilling breeze flying through will know what he means.

If anyone can get the Falcons back into winning form, it will be Arok.

He transformed Victorian Premier League side Port Melbourne Sharks from one of the leagues easybeats into the best side in the competition towards the end of the season.

Arok brought six of those Sharks players with him to Falcons Park as well as coaxing Ex-Socceroo Eddie Kmcovic out of retirement.

"He proved he was a leader not just by name" said Arok of Kmcovic's debut.

Leaders is what Arok's squad of mostly youngsters is desperately short of.

Only Hugo Gimenez and



Eddie Kmcovic: His experience is vital in the Gippsland.

Claudio Canosa boast any real experience at the highest level.

They will have to play a part, but asking players to come straight out of the state leagues into the national competition may be a bit too

KNIGHTS LOSE WHOLE TEAM

By DWYGH TUFFNELL

How about this for a starting line up of players that the Knights had missing from the round one clash with Collingwood Warriors. The players were either sold, injured or trialling in Europe. Juric, Buljbasic, Simunic, Kovacevic, De Amicis, Bacak, Nasteviski, Tiatto, O. Pondeljak, Spiteri and A. Cervinski.

Danny Tiatto finally secured a move to Europe last week. The Knights reaped \$425,000 for Tiatto who moved to Italian Serie B club Salernitana. Tiatto had had trials in Switzerland with a couple of clubs.

Their other player in Europe, Joe Spiteri, has been trialling in England with First Division club Queens Park Rangers. With new manager Stewart Houston they have struggled this season after being relegated from the Premier League. They could be on the lookout for another striker to partner Daniele Dichio. Pre-season signing Steve Slade from Tottenham has failed to make an impression and England Under 21 international Kevin Gallen has been ruled out for the season with injury.

Coach Ian Dobson sees three players in particular playing an important role for the Knights this season. Damian Vojtek, Tom Pondeljak and the versatile Ransford Banini hold the key for the Knights fortunes.

They were certainly the three outstanding players for us against Collingwood Warriors," Dobson said.

After a season playing in



Tom Pondeljak: One of players holding key to Victoria's Premier League.

Victoria's Premier League, former Ghanaian youth captain Banini is back in the big time and his performance against the Warriors suggest that he is now, where he belongs.

"He started as sweeper but finished in midfield, his versatility is a real bonus for us," says Dobson.

Vojtek will look to finally grab his chance as a regular this year at Knights Park. Son of the former Australian great, Billy, he has always had the promise and the ability to command a place in the best eleven. With the player departures Dobson will look for him to step up and claim a key role in the Knights

midfield.

After bursting onto the scene last season, Pondeljak is one of the best young players in the league at the moment. Although he had a late start, he finished amongst the club's leading scorers and along with Joe Simunic was one of the finds of the year.

Sweeper Joe Simunic arrived back into Australia on Tuesday. He was in Croatia trialling with Croatia Zagreb, the club of Mark Viduka. Simunic will be banned from playing until the Young Socceroos return home from South America. That is his punishment for dropping out of the squad.

LAKERS NEARLY ALL FULL TIMERS

By DWYGH TUFFNELL

The Lakers signed Fausto De Amicis just in time for their first round clash with Gippsland Falcons. De Amicis had apparently walked out on the Knights but he was quickly snapped up by South Melbourne. A player who many feel has never had the recognition he deserves, De Amicis is more than a handy addition to South's squad, signing a two year contract at Bob Jane Stadium.

"We're delighted to have signed him," said General Manager Peter Filopoulos.

"We regard him as the best left back in the country."

South's game this week away to Adelaide City will be postponed. With both sides having three players each in

the Socceroo squad the game has been put back to a later date. Skipper Paul Trimboli, Warren Spink and Jason Polak have all been called up for duty. Had the game been played on its original date, the Lakers also would have been without their four players on Young Socceroo duty. The game is more than likely to be rescheduled for the first week of November.

Con Blatsis and Daniel Allsopp were amongst the scorers for the Young Socceroos when they defeated Chilean second division side Melipilla. Bill Damianos came on at half time but South's other player in the squad, Michael Curcija was not used.

Johnny Warren brought up an interesting point on SBS when he thought that we are close to having the clubs go

professional. South Melbourne are a club who are basically professional already with most of their players being full time.

"Four or five years ago it was different, now today the majority of our players are full time," said Filopoulos. "The club itself is pretty much on a full time basis as we are now."

South Melbourne is offering positions to their pre-match President's Dinner held at 4.00pm on the day of every home game. The cost is \$60.00 a head or corporate tables of ten going for \$500.00.

Bookings can be made by ringing (03) 9645 9797 or Fax (03) 9645 9796



Collingwood crack Media Bias

By DWYGH TUFFNELL

The Warriors are determined not to let what happened in their first round clash happen again.

The official crowd of 12,561 had to squeeze through just two open entrances.

The game had to be

delayed by around 25 minutes, ensuring that it was finished in near darkness.

About a thousand fans saw the positive side however when they gained free access to the arena after officials were forced to open more gates.

"The staff around the

ground was from the Collingwood Football club. They are used to football crowds strolling in from 11 o'clock onwards," said club Development officer Angelo Koutos.

"When it comes to the soccer I don't think that they know with a 4.30 kick off the

crowd will all show up at 4.29 and expect to get in straight away.

"There were a few hiccups, but if we can get them organised we should be alright."

Collingwood's next home game against UTS Olympic has been postponed

to a later date.

The game would have ensured another bumper crowd at Victoria Park but could work out for the better considering the poor light the last 15 minutes was played in against the Knights.

The Socceroos game against Tahiti the day before sees five players from the match due to take part.

Ernie Tapai and Goran Lozanovski are missing for the Warriors whilst Olympic have Milan Blagojevic, Kris Trajanovski and Alistair Edwards all in the squad.

The rescheduled date for the game hasn't been set down yet but the Warriors are looking to playing during a long weekend or around Christmas time.

Media coverage of the Warriors win in Melbourne was something that has never been seen before.

All commercial television stations carried footage of the game including the kick off which involved former

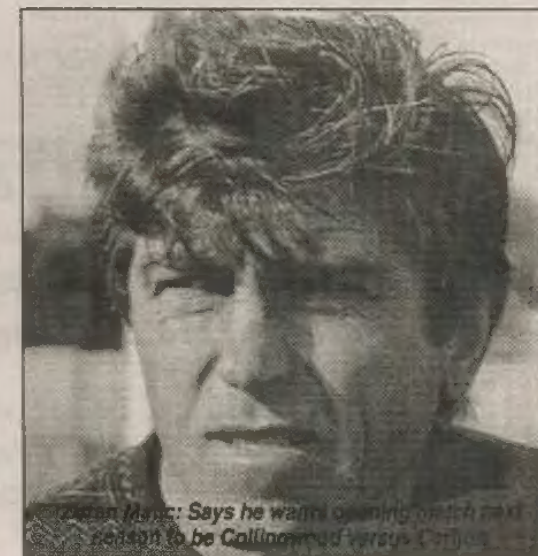
Collingwood Football greats Lou Richards and Peter Dalcos.

Channel 10 had an interview with Zoran Matic even if most of the questions had something to do with their AFL cousins.

Matic said that he wanted

to see the 1997-98 season opener pairing Collingwood and Carlton at Victoria Park.

Although one station said that the score was 3-1 to the Warriors and not 3-0, it's still nice to see the Ericsson Cup get some coverage on commercial TV.



Zoran Matic: Says he wants opening match next season to be Collingwood versus Carlton.



AROUND THE CLUBS



Zebras and Warriors at loggerheads

By LANCE LIBRANDI

Adelaide City is currently at loggerheads with new Ericsson Cup outfit Collingwood Warriors. The club is furious with the Warriors' attempts to gain the services of star midfielder Goran Lozanovski for no transfer fee. A loophole in the transfer laws brought about this interstate problem, with a stipulation that all players align themselves with a club by a May 11 deadline.

The Olyroo playmaker preferred to complete his Atlanta duties before determining his playing future, and opened the way for the Collingwood 'coup'.

City president Austin Toner has assured the fans this issue will not proceed without satisfactory compensation. He said, "We are not in the habit of giving players away. Whilst history shows we have always been accommodating with player movements, we owe it to our members and sponsors to maximise our player assets, and Lozanovski certainly is a top asset."

Damian Mori is more than happy in his new career with German club Borussia Moenchengladbach. He has grasped the life of a full professional player with both hands, making his debut for the side five days after his arrival. His wife Josie will join him in two weeks. An added bonus for the Mori family is the pending arrival of twins, their first children, who will be born in Germany.

Charlie Caruso, chairman and commissioner of the South Australian Soccer Federation, this week



Goran Lozanovski: His free move to Collingwood being challenged.

announced his retirement. He has held the position for the past five years, capping off 30 odd years involvement with the sport in this state.

He is a life member of SASF, Soccer Australia and Adelaide City Soccer Club, and has stepped down for health and family reasons.

WEST ADELAIDE REGROUPING

West Adelaide has regrouped after their nightmare opening loss to the Topper Breakers last week.

Ross Aloisi and Cyrille Ndongo-Keller are still sidelined with persistent injuries and will hopefully resume within the next month. West however are buoyed by the return of Hamilton Thorp (injury) and Jimmy Tsekenis who is back in Adelaide following a two week trial with Crystal Palace in the UK. New signing Corey Artone is also available for selection, with his clearance from Blue Eagles of the South Australian State League, finalised during the week.



RUMOUR

A rumour widely circulating around Adelaide at the moment suggests the new Soccerroo coaching position has been filled for some time now.

The new coach, believed already appointed, is former Zebras supremo Zoran Matic, who will return to Adelaide within weeks and take

up the new position.

What about Collingwood? Just speculation, of course, but the talk of the town is that money problems will cause the Warriors to fold giving the Ericsson Cup an unfortunate situation of a weekly bye.

By JAI McDERMOTT

The Breakers have continued their "locals first" policy with several new signings from the Northern First Division and Newcastle's State League club, Adamstown Rosebud. Among them is strapping young defender Todd McManus.

McManus comes to the Breakers fresh from a premiership winning season with Highfields. Wolves and was part of the club's impressive Waratah Cup run. He believes 1996 has been good preparation for his Ericsson Cup career.

"It was great to be part of a winning side. All the guys played really well which helps individual confidence. Having Howie (Howard Tredinnick) to partner in defence was a real plus. He knows what he's doing and is always helping you out. The season was a great learning experience for me."

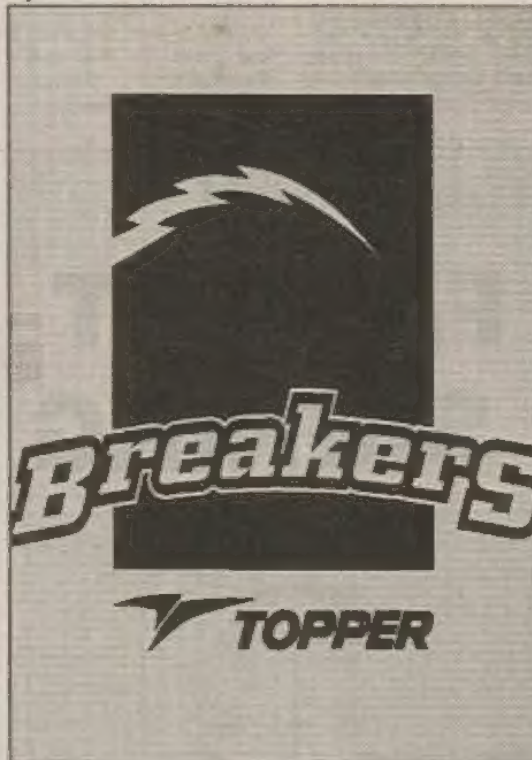
time to football.

"Work has been fantastic with my Soccer. It's a big relief to have such understanding employers because I need a lot of time off to pursue my football career."

McManus is part of a new look back five for the Breakers. With Adam Sanderson, Steve Hickman and veteran Ralph Maier gone, coach John Kosmina has elected to give the young players of Newcastle an opportunity at the top level. Joining McManus in his debut season is Matt Austin, making youngster Shane Price and Glenn Moore look like veterans after just one round.

"I guess it's a little difficult at the moment with everyone fairly inexperienced. I'm pretty lucky that there are such good players around me though. As a group we have the potential to settle in quickly."

With Highfields 1996



The 21 year old had been part of the Wolves first team squad for a number of seasons. During this time he had the opportunity to play alongside some of the finest players in the area:

"Guys like Bails (Wayne Bailey), Howie, Lowie (Breakers captain David Lowe) and Ralph (Maier) have all had an influence on me. When I spent a year with Broadmeadow Magic I realised how much. I had a fair bit of responsibility over there and the confidence I got off senior players at Highfields really helped my game."

When he's not playing football McManus is a Fitter-Machinist with local company NTD Engineering. He says he is "very lucky" to have a job which allows him to devote

campaign extending into the Waratah Cup, McManus missed much of the Breakers pre-season. His late start meant some quick adjustments were needed, something he says he is just coming to terms with.

"It was pretty hard going pretty much straight into the Johnnie Walker Cup. I think I'm used to the changes now though. I feel a lot more comfortable on the field."

After the first round thumping of West Adelaide coach John Kosmina immediately reminded his young squad of the long road ahead. McManus himself has some personal goals which should keep his feet firmly on the ground.

"I will be looking to achieve two things this year. First, I will be trying to keep

my place in the top grade. Second, I'd like to make the top eight. I think with a good start we have the talent to achieve a top eight finish."

The young defender says he is enjoying the start to his Ericsson Cup career and is

pleased with the spirit amongst the Breakers squad.

"I'm really happy with things so far. The squad is fairly close and having guys like Ironside and Lowie around is good for everyone's confidence."

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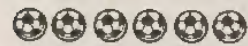
... by **BOB BROOKS**



Parramatta Eagles, NSW Super League Grand Final winners, have appointed Doug Utjesenovic as Senior Coach.

Utjesenovic is a former Australia international. He successfully guided the Eagles Super Youth Under 15s to become winners of the home and away series and State Champions in the 1996 season.

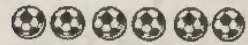
He will be assisted by Denis Yaeger who has charge of the U/21s, with Bruce Tilt taking the U/18s.



Last Tuesday construction commenced on the \$8m upgrade to Hindmarsh Stadium in Adelaide.

The aim is to bring the facility up to international standard which will include an additional 4000 covered seats.

It is planned that Hindmarsh will stage some of the Football events for the Olympic Games of Sydney 2000.



Manis Lamond, who turned 30 last month, is playing in Singapore until the end of November.

After that the speedy former Sydney United winger will be a free agent.



"Sydney United Pumas". Yes we have a new name with which to conjure.

Puma the major sporting goods company have signed a four year sponsorship deal with the Edensor Park club.

Although the precise value of the sponsorship to Sydney United is unknown, it is believed to be a seven figure amount.

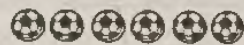


'World Cup' in Sydney is running again this year and is already through to the quarter final stage.

There are Women's, Men's Over 35s, Open Age and U/18s competitions running simultaneously.

Serbia, Lebanon, Iraq, Turkey, Chile and Spain are just some of the team names going around.

Games are held Saturday and Sunday at Lidcombe Oval.



Meanwhile the Amateur Soccer Federation of Victoria have six vacancies in their 'World Cup 96'. All games will be held at Kim Reserve, Miller Road, Altona.

This is the ground of Altona City and is in Melbourne's western suburbs.

The winning team receives

\$1000 with fourth consoling with \$200.



The ASFV is organising the contest in association with Barnstoneworth United F.C.

United are a group of 'Pommies' who play Soccer but also aim to raise money for charity.

This year's charities are the Royal Children's Hospital and Dandenong Palliative Care Service.

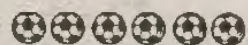
Contact John Kelly at ASFV on 03 95282955 for details of how to enter and its FREE!



Heartiest Congratulations to Perth Glory Coach, Gary Marocchi.

Garry has been inducted into the WA Institute of Sport, Hall of Champions.

Now that is indeed a great honour as Marocchi is the first Soccer identity to be so recognised.

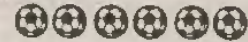


The Sydney Morning Herald carried a report on October 15 about a proposed

Asian-Pacific Cup. Soccer Australia responded by stating that, 'Soccer Australia has not given its approval to the Michaels - Mariani plan.

We need a far more detailed proposal and financial guarantees before we could seriously consider the matter.'

The SMH article described the Asian Pacific Cup as a championship of Club teams from Asia, the Pacific, Japan and North America. It is proposed to offer prize money of \$5 million. It is projected to start in February 1997.



Talks are being held between South Melbourne and Sydney Swans to form a close, off field association.

The idea is to give Swans supporters in Melbourne a place to meet and socialise. That will be the Club facilities at Bob Jane Stadium.

Poker machines are due to be installed in the Lakers Club in the very near future.



Canterbury League Club are taking the link up with UTS Olympic very seriously.

Shortly a representative of the club is heading overseas to England to meet and study four clubs. He will visit Manchester United, Wolverhampton Wanderers,

Huddersfield Town and Crewe Alexander.

On the way back a call is being made on a Major League soccer franchise in the USA at Foxborough Stadium, Boston.

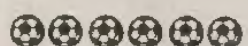
The World Game is big business and expanding rapidly. Obviously this is entering the consciousness of clubs such as Canterbury.



So ex-Scotsman Eddie Thomson is leaving for Japan. Good Luck! Thommo.

That leaves a vacancy as Socceroo Coach. Reckon it should be given to 'Jinking Joe' Watson. He is a successful coach with Sydney Cosmos and others.

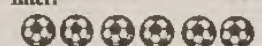
But more importantly the players are tuned to a Scots accent and Joey sure has one!



Appears as though Danny Tiatto has landed a good one in Europe. Not in Switzerland though where he was wanted by FC Basle, Grasshoppers, Servette nor at Atalanta of Serie A.

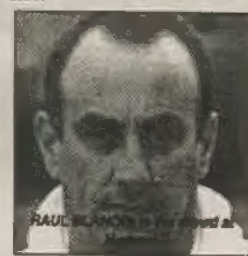
He has signed with Salernitana in the B division of Italian football. They are an ambitious Club having recently signed Phil Masinga the South African and Francesco Dellano formerly of

Inter.



Head coach at the AIS, Ron Smith's Malaysian team have won the M-League. Sabah wrapped up the competition with a 3-0 win over Negri Sembilan.

Scott Ollerenshaw scored one of the goals while Jose Iriarte finished on the beaten side.



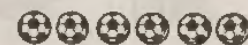
Raul Blanco was in one of the boxes at Marconi Stadium. Australia's Olympic Coach has been mentioned as a possibility for the head's job.

Branko Culina from neighbours, Sydney United was also taking in the tactics of both sides.

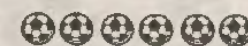
Alan Maher the former Socceroo goalie was as keen as anyone on the play before him. He must have been impressed by Frank Juric in the Warriors goal.

Nice neat, pocket sized match program at Marconi fits in a woman's handbag or blokes pocket and is easy to see. A5 - that is the size, seems to be the most practical.

It might be a good idea to have the larger A4 size for



international games.



Micky Brock says... Eddie Thomson is leaving for greener pastures after accepting a coaching job in Japan. After he works his three months notice, it's off to the land of the rising sun, to coach Hiroshima.

Many conflicting reports have come through about commissioners wanting him out, hate campaigns, dodgy dealings etc., none of which have been substantiated mind you, so it's time to look at what he's achieved.

As the coach of the national side, he has helped put Australian Soccer on the map, they have had excellent reviews around the world and done the nation proud with their efforts. In truth, Eddie has probably taken the national side as far as he can but the distance travelled has been enormous. Perhaps the fresh challenge, not to mention the monetary benefits, will be just what he needs and anyone not wishing him the very best for the future doesn't appreciate his efforts in the past.

Eddie Thomson has done an outstanding job, has helped raise the profile of the game here and never shirked his responsibility. He is owed a debt of gratitude by the followers of the game and a huge thankyou to boot.

Around the Clubs Continued...

BEST AND FAIREST TO LATEST SIGNING

By **RICHARD KREIDER**

The historic first award of the Best and Fairest on field for Perth Glory went to Doug Ithier.

He was signed from WA Premier League club Floreat Athena. Ithier was contracted by Gary Marocchi as the latest recruit before the kick off.

Paul Afkos, a director of Perth Glory, made the presentation of a trophy and a dinner for two.

On a day to day basis Mr Afkos owns an engineering company in Perth.

Ithier was playing in Bunbury on the south coast before Floreat snapped him up.

His father, also Doug, still plays every weekend in the Veterans League for Armadale.

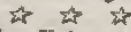


It was reported that a large number of juniors at the Glory's opening game were wearing replica Club shirts.

Apparently they are on sale at a number of retail sports

outlets in Perth. They are made by Umbro.

A great marketing idea!



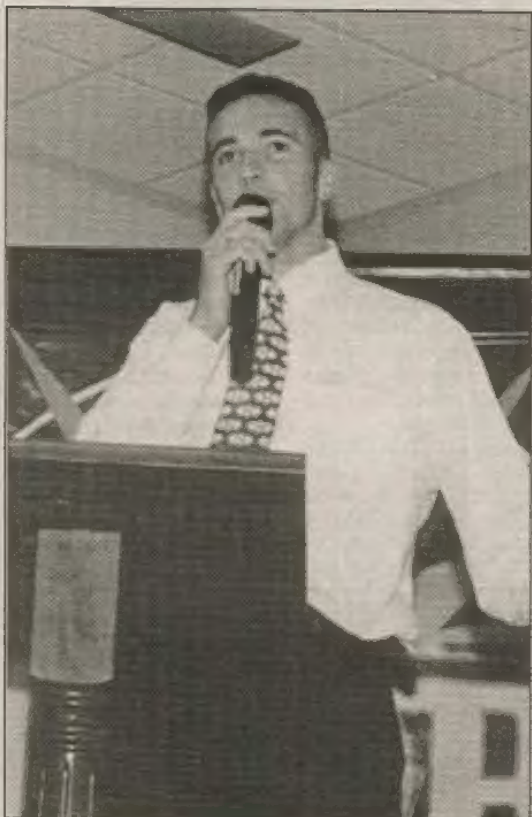
Vas Kalogeracos is back in the Western Australia capital. Obviously coach Marocchi is interested in the talented player.

Kalogeracos was recently overseas for trials with Sampdoria and in England but without success. He is an attacking midfielder and could certainly boost Glory's ranks.



The West Australian newspaper has been devoting a considerable amount of column space to Perth Glory. Radio station 6NR will carry commentary of all the Glory games both home and away. The community radio station can be heard on 927AM.

The photographs in this edition of Perth Glory and their historic first Ericsson Cup home game against UTS Olympic, are courtesy of Richard Kreider. Richard appears on 6NR regularly on Sunday evenings 7.15pm to 8 talking Soccer.



Doug Ithier: Won inaugural Best & Fairest award.

OBSERVATIONS AT MARCONI STADIUM

By **A. SPECTATOR**

● Marconi Stadium looking great under improved lighting.

● Historic occasion - first visit to Sydney by Collingwood for a Soccer match.

● Warriors outfits and



but couldn't finish.

● Drums beating in front of the scoreboard.

● Aroma of the tasty barbecue drifting all across the ground.

● Many Italy team shirts in the crowd but also



● Warriors getting behind ball rapidly, limiting attacking opportunities for Stallions.

● The 6,237 spectators made Marconi Stadium look comfortably occupied but still plenty of room.

● Collingwood didn't give Catlin anything to do till 38th minute when he took a goal kick after a header.

● Frustration of Marconi supporters as many good chances went to waste.

● Frank Juric is a tall, well-built goalie.

● Brian MacNicol, substitute for the injured Goran Lozanovski after only 10 minutes, took time to settle. Almost inevitably he scored the opener with a header from the ever dangerous Ernie Tapai.

● Stallions skipper, Andy Harper had a nightmare. Found himself in front twice



Manchester United.

● Marconi used all of their three subs with 15 minutes to go.

● Shouldn't Francis Awaritefe have been penalised for his overhead scissors kick in the Warriors area - foot high?

● Only one yellow card - well done Derek Crawford.

● Four minutes of stoppage time in second half.

● Marconi didn't manage to even it up until the last minute.

● Satisfying game, great spectacle, good skills, looking forward to more.



ERICSSON CUP



RESULTS AND SCORERS ROUND TWO

Brisbane Strikers
(Brown 10, 61, 80; og 39; Phillips 65, Farina pen 90)
Newcastle Breakers
(Sprod pen 25)
Crowd: 4,572

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Marconi Fairfield
(Bingley 89)
Collingwood Warriors
(McNicol 55)
Crowd: 6,237

☆☆☆

South Melbourne
(Orlic 47)
Sydney United
(Marusic 24; Zdrilic 37, 40)
Crowd: 8,668

☆☆☆

Melbourne Knights
(Marth 43)
Gippsland Falcons
Crowd: 3,760

6 **Wollongong City**
(Horsley 87)
1 **Adelaide City**
Crowd: 5,348

☆☆☆

1 **UTS Olympic**
(Tome 9)
2 **Canberra Cosmos**
Crowd: 3,719

☆☆☆

1 **West Adelaide**
(og Naven 40; Tsekiniis 48, 72)
3 **Perth Glory**
(Strudwick 89)
Crowd: 3,527

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR ROUND 2:

1995/96 - 21,353
1996/97 - 39,550

ERICSSON CUP TABLE as at 21 October 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
UTS Olympic	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Brisbane Strikers	2	1	1	0	6	1	4
Collingwood Warriors	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Sydney United	2	1	1	0	6	4	4
Wollongong City	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Marconi Fairfield	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Newcastle Breakers	2	1	0	1	7	7	3
Melbourne Knights	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
West Adelaide	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
Adelaide City	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Gippsland Falcons	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
South Melbourne	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Canberra Cosmos	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Perth Glory	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

LEADING GOALSCORERS

Jason Bennett	4	Newcastle Breakers
Rodney Brown	3	Brisbane Strikers
Matthew Horsley	3	Wollongong City
David Zdrilic	3	Sydney United
Glenn Sprod	2	Newcastle Breakers
Kimoni Taliadoros	2	Collingwood Warriors
Norman Tome	2	UTS Olympic
Kris Trajanovski	2	UTS Olympic
Jimmy Tsekiniis	2	West Adelaide
Mark Babic	1	Sydney United
Sean Babic	1	Marconi Fairfield
Mathew Bingley	1	Marconi Fairfield
Con Boutisianis	1	Collingwood Warriors
Frank Farina	1	Brisbane Strikers
Craig Foster	1	Marconi Fairfield
Nick Josevski	1	Wollongong City
Norman Kelly	1	Canberra Cosmos
Brian McNicol	1	Collingwood Warriors
Andrew Marth	1	Melbourne Knights
Kresimir Marusic	1	Sydney United
Ante Milicic	1	Sydney United
Nick Orlic	1	South Melbourne
Janue Perin	1	West Adelaide
Marko Perinovich	1	Canberra Cosmos
Gary Phillips	1	Brisbane Strikers
Alan McKenzie	1	Perth Glory
Paul Strudwick	1	Perth Glory
Scott Thomas	1	Newcastle Breakers
Vlado Zoric	1	Marconi Fairfield

PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS

NAME	TEAM	POINTS
Jason Bennett	Newcastle Breakers	3
Craig Foster	Marconi Fairfield	3
Nick Palamaras	Gippsland Falcons	3
Kimoni Taliadoros	Collingwood Warriors	3
Michael Reda	Wollongong City	3
Kris Trajanovski	UTS Olympic	3
Sean Cranney	Brisbane Strikers	3
Rod Brown	Brisbane Strikers	3
Frank Juric	Collingwood Warriors	3

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

CANBERRA COSMOS V WEST ADELAIDE
FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 1996 - 7.30PM

NEWCASTLE BREAKERS V PERTH GLORY
SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 1996 - 7.30PM

GIPPSLAND FALCONS V MARCONI FAIRFIELD
SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 1996 - 7.30PM

BRISBANE STRIKERS V WOLLONGONG CITY
SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 1996 - 7.00PM

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WORLD RESULTS & TABLES

European Champions Cup

Group A

Auxerre (Fra)	Grasshopper Zur (Swit)	0
Ajax Amster (Net)	Glasgow Rangers (Scot)	1

Table

Ajax	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Grasshopper	3	2	0	1	4	1	6
Auxerre	3	2	0	1	3	2	6
Rangers	3	0	0	3	2	9	0

Group B

Atletico Madrid (Spa)	Boruss Dortmund (Ger)	1
Steaua Buch (Rom)	Widzew Lodz (Pol)	0

Table

Bor Dortmund	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
Atletico Madrid	3	2	0	1	8	2	6
Steaua	3	1	0	2	1	7	3
Widzew Lodz	3	0	0	3	2	7	0

Group C

Rapid Vienna (Aut)	Juventus (Ita)	1
Fenerbahce (Tur)	Manchester Utd (Eng)	2

Table

Juventus	3	2	1	0	3	1	7
Man United	3	2	0	1	4	1	6
Rapid Vienna	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Fenerbahce	3	0	1	2	1	4	1

Group D

IFK Gothen (Swe)	AC Milan (Ita)	1
Rosenborg (Nor)	Porto (Por)	1

Table

Porto	3	3	0	0	6	3	9
AC Milan	3	1	0	2	7	6	3
Gothenburg	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
Rosenborg	3	1	0	2	4	7	3

UEFA Cup

Dynam Tbil (Geo)	1	Boavista (Por)	0
Schalke (Ger)	1	Trabzonspor (Tur)	0
Metz (Fra)	2	Sporting (Por)	0
Legia Warsaw (Pol)	1	Besiktas (Tur)	1
Karlsruhe (Ger)	3	Roma (Ita)	0
Slavia Prague (Cze)	0	Valencia (Spa)	1
Club Brugge (Bel)	2	National Buchar (Rom)	0
Heisingborg (Swe)	2	Neuchatel Xamax (Swi)	0
Borus Moen (Ger)	2	Monaco (Fra)	4
Internazionale (Ita)	1	Casino Graz (Aut)	0
Lazio (Ita)	1	Tenerife (Spa)	0
Ferencváros (Hun)	3	Newcastle (Eng)	2
Espanyol (Spa)	0	Feyenoord (Ned)	3
Guimaraes (Por)	1	Anderlecht (Bel)	1
Hamburg (Ger)	3	Spartak Moscow (Rus)	0

Cup Winners Cup

Nimes (Fra)	1	AIK Stockholm (Swe)	3
Olimp Ljublj (Slov)	0	AEK Athens (Gre)	2
Galatasaray (Turk)	4	Paris St Germain (Fra)	2
Sion (Switz)	1	Liverpool (Eng)	2
Brann Bergen (Nor)	2	PSV Eindhoven (Neth)	1
Florentina (Ita)	2	Sparta Prague (Czech)	1
Barcelona (Spa)	3	Red Star Belgrade (Yug)	1
Benfica (Por)	1	Lokomotiv Mosc (Rus)	0

Holland First Division

Ajax Amsterdam	1	Volendam	1
Vitesse Arnhem	3	NAC Breda	0
Twente Enschede	3	RKC Waalwijk	0
Groningen	2	Fortuna Sittard	0
Sparta Rotterdam	4	Roda JC Kerkrade	0
PSV Eindhoven	7	Feyenoord Rotterdam	2
AZ Alkmaar	2	Graafschap Doetinchem	3
Willem II Tilburg	2	Heerenveen	2
NEC Nijmegen	2	Utrecht	2

Table

PSV Eindhoven	11	7	3	1	33	10	24
Feyen Rotterdam	11	7	2	2	22	16	23
Graafs Doetin	11	6	3	2	22	13	21
Twente Enschede	11	6	3	2	15	9	21
Vitesse Arnhem	11	5	3	3	16	9	18
Ajax Amsterdam	11	4	5	2	11	8	17
Roda JC Kerk	11	4	4	3	11	11	16
Heerenveen	11	3	6	2	19	14	15
Sparta Rotterdam	11	4	3	4	12	10	15
NAC Breda	11	4	2	5	10	17	14
Fortuna Sittard	11	3	3	5	8	16	12
NEC Nijmegen	11	2	5	4	12	17	11
Volendam	11	2	5	4	10	17	11
Utrecht	11	1	7	3	16	18	10
AZ Alkmaar	11	3	1	7	10	13	10
Willem II Tilburg	11	2	3	6	13	21	9

RKC Waalwijk	11	2	3	6	11	20	9
Groningen	11	2	3	6	11	22	9

Austria

Casino Graz	0	SV Salzburg	0
Rapid Vienna	4	Tirol Innsbruck	2
FC Linz	0	Sturm Graz	3
SCN Admira/Wack	1	LASK	2
Ried	3	Austria Vienna	2

Table

SV Salzburg	13	8	4	1	18	5	28
Rapid Vienna	13	6	6	1	25	13	24
Tirol Innsbruck	13	7	3	3	23	14	24
Austria Vienna	13	5	3	5	17	22	18
LASK	13	4	3	4	15	16	17
Casino Graz	13	4	5	4	14	16	17
Sturm Graz	13	4	4	5	16	13	16
Ried	13	4	2	7	17	22	14
FC Linz	13	1	5	7	5	16	8
SCN Admira	13	1	5	7	11	24	8

Belgium First Division

Lommel	2	Molenbeek	0
Anderlecht	3	Genk	1
Cercle Brugge	1	Sint-Truiden	1
Antwerp	0	Lierse	1
Ghent	1	Harelbeke	4
Mechelen	3	Ekeren	0
Lokeren	4	Charleroi	2
Mouscron	2	Standard Liege	1
Aalst	1	Club Brugge	1

Table

Standard Liege	11	8	0	3	20	13	24
Club Brugge	11	6	4	1	22	10	22
Mouscron	11	6	4	1	21	10	22
Anderlecht	11	5	5	1	20	9	20
Lierse	11	4	6	1	16	9	18
Lommel	11	4	4	3	17	18	16
Lokeren	10	4	3	3	17	12	15
Harelbeke	11	4	3	4	15	14	15
Ghent	11	4	2	5	19	23	14
Antwerp	10	4	1	5	13	18	13
Charleroi	11	4	1	6	18	18	13
Molenbeek	11	3	4	4	10	13	13
Genk	11	2	6	3	10	13	12
Ekeren	11	3	2	6	9	16	11
Aalst	11	2	5	4	13	16	11
Mechelen	11	2	5	4	15	18	11
Sint-Truiden	11	2	3	6	17	28	9
Cercle Brugge	11	0	4	7	11	25	4



England Premier League

Arsenal	0	Coventry	0
Aston Villa	2	Leeds	0
Chelsea	2	Wimbledon	4
Middlesbrough	0	Tottenham	3
Nottingham Forest	1	Derby	1
Sheffield Wednes	1	Blackburn	1
Southampton	3	Sunderland	0
West Ham	1	Leicester	0

Table

Arsenal	10	6	3	1	19	8	21
Wimbledon	10	7	0	3	20	11	21
Newcastle	9	7	0	2	15	10	21
Liverpool	9	6	2	1	18	7	20
Manchester Utd	9	5	4	0	19	6	19
Chelsea	10	4	4	2	16	15	16
Aston Villa	10	4	3	3	13	10	15
Tottenham	10	4	2	4	10	8	14
Sheff Wednesday	10	4	2	4	12	16	14
Everton	9	3	3	3	10	11	12
Middlesbrough	10	3	3	4	16	18	12
Derby	10	2	5	3	9	12	11
West Ham	10	3	2	5	9	14	11

Leicester	10	3	2	5	7	13	11
Sunderland	10	2	4	4	8	11	10
Leeds	10	3	1	6	8	15	10
Southampton	10	2	3	5	14	13	9
Nottingham For	10	1	5	4	10	17	8
Coventry	10	1	4	5	4	14	7
Blackburn	10	0	4	6	6	14	4

Division 1

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Norwich	2	Oldham	0
Port Vale	0	Crystal Palace	2
Queens Pk Rangers	1	Bradford	0
Southend	1	Grimsby	0
Swindon	6	Huddersfield	0
West Brom Albion	0	Stoke	2
Barnsley	0	Oxford	0
Birmingham	1	Ipswich	0
Bolton	1	Tranmere	0
Portsmouth	0	Wolverhampton	2
Reading	2	Manchester City	0
Sheffield United	3	Charlton	0

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Bradford	2	Barnsley	2
Charlton	3	Bolton	3
Crystal Palace	1	Swindon	2
Grimsby	1	West Bromwich	1
Huddersfield	0	Southend	0
Ipswich	1	Portsmouth	1
Manchester City	2	Norwich	1
Oldham	1	Reading	1
Stoke	0	Sheffield United	1
Wolverhampton	0	Port Vale	4
Oxford	0	Birmingham	0

Table

Bolton	13	9	3	1	31	17	30
Norwich	13	8	3	2	20	9	27
Barnsley	12	6	4	2	19	12	22
Crystal Palace	13	5	6	2	26	12	21
Wolverhampton	14	6	3	5	18	14	21
Sheffield United	11	6	2	3	23	12	20
Swindon	13	6	2	5	20	14	20
Stoke	12	5	4	3	17	20	19
Tranmere	13	5	4	4	16	14	19
Huddersfield	12	5	3	4	17	18	18
Queens Pk Rang	13	4	5	4	15	16	17
Oxford	13	4	4	5	13	9	16
Manchester City	12	5	1	6	13	16	16
Birmingham	11	4	4	3	12	10	16
Port Vale	14	3	7	4	11	16	16
Ipswich	13	3	6	4	18	18	15
West Bromwich	12	3	6	3	15	16	15
Reading	13	4	3	6	15	23	15
Portsmouth	14	4	3	7	14	20	15
Southend	14	3	6	5	13	23	15
Grimsby	14	3	4	7	16	26	13
Bradford	14	3	3	8	11	22	12
Charlton	11	3	2	6	10	16	11
Oldham	14	1	4	9	13	23	7

Division 2

- 17 Oct -

Millwall	1	Bury	0
Blackpool	3	Wrexham	3
Bournemouth	1	Plymouth	0
Bristol City	3	Wycombe	0
Crewe	0	York	1
Notts County	0	Chesterfield	0
Peterborough	0	Brentford	0
Rotherham	0	Bristol Rovers	0
Shrewsbury	1	Gillingham	0
Stockport	1	Luton	0
Walsall	1	Preston	0
Watford	2	Burnley	0

WORLD RESULTS & TABLES

France		
First Division		
Caen	1	Strasbourg
Cannes	1	Bastia
Guingamp	2	Le Havre
Lens	2	Rennes
Lyon	0	Metz
Monaco	4	Nice
Montpellier	0	Lille
Nancy	0	Marseille
Nantes	3	Bordeaux

Table		
Paris SG	12	8 4 0 18 3 28
Monaco	13	6 5 2 21 11 23
Auxerre	12	5 6 1 12 5 21
Bastia	13	5 6 2 18 13 21
Lille	13	5 5 3 16 18 20
Metz	13	4 7 2 12 9 19
Strasbourg	13	6 1 6 15 19 19
Bordeaux	13	4 6 3 12 9 18
Lyon	13	4 6 3 15 14 18
Rennes	13	5 3 5 18 18 18
Lens	13	5 3 5 14 17 18
Marseille	13	4 5 4 13 12 17
Guingamp	13	4 5 4 13 13 17
Cannes	13	4 4 4 10 13 17
Le Havre	13	3 4 4 6 14 16 13
Nantes	13	2 6 5 23 21 12
Montpellier	13	2 6 5 11 16 12
Caen	13	2 5 6 9 15 11
Nice	13	2 3 8 11 25 9
Nancy	13	1 5 7 7 15 8

Germany		
Bundesliga		
St Pauli	2	Freiburg
Borussia Moenchengladbach	2	Hansa Rostock
Karlsruhe	1	Werder Bremen
Schalke	2	Hamburg
Arminia Bielefeld	1	Cologne
Duisburg	0	Fortuna Dusseldorf
Bochum	2	1860 Munich
Bayer Leverkusen	0	VfB Stuttgart

Italy		
Serie A		
Bologna	0	Florentina
Lazio	2	Cagliari
Milan	3	Napoli
Parma	1	Perugia
Piacenza	3	Reggiana
Sampdoria	2	Atalanta
Udinese	1	Vicenza
Verona	2	Roma

Table		
Milan	6	4 0 2 13 8 12
Inter	5	3 2 0 6 2 11
Vicenza	6	3 1 2 11 8 10
Roma	6	3 1 2 11 8 10
Parma	6	3 1 2 9 6 10
Juventus	5	3 1 1 7 5 10
Bologna	6	3 1 2 8 7 10
Sampdoria	6	3 0 3 9 6 9
Udinese	6	2 3 1 7 6 9
Perugia	6	3 0 3 9 6 9
Florentina	6	2 2 2 8 7 8
Piacenza	6	2 2 2 6 6 8
Lazio	6	2 2 2 5 5 8
Napoli	6	2 2 2 5 8 8
Verona	6	1 2 3 7 13 5
Cagliari	6	1 1 4 7 9 4
Reggiana	6	0 3 3 6 11 3
Atalanta	6	0 2 4 5 14 2

Serie B		
Brescia	0	Torino
Empoli	1	C. Sangro
Foggia	1	Cosenza
Lecce	3	Chievo
Padova	1	Lucchese
Pescara	1	Cremonese
Ravenna	1	Bari
Reggina	0	Genoa
Salernitana	1	Cesena
Venezia	3	Palermo

Table		
Lecce	7	6 0 1 13 5 18
Pescara	7	4 3 0 12 5 15
Padova	7	4 2 1 9 5 14
Chievo	7	3 3 1 9 7 12
Torino	7	3 3 1 8 6 12
Ravenna	7	3 2 2 8 6 11
Empoli	7	3 2 2 7 5 11
Genoa	7	2 4 1 8 4 10
Bari	7	2 4 1 9 7 10
Foggia	7	3 1 3 7 9 10

Salernitana	7	3 1 3 4 6 10
Lucchese	7	2 3 2 6 3 9
Brescia	7	1 5 1 5 6 8
C. Sangro	7	2 1 4 4 10 7
Cesena	7	1 3 3 7 8 6
Palermo	7	1 3 3 5 9 6
Venezia	7	1 2 4 7 10 5
Cosenza	7	1 2 4 4 10 5
Cremonese	7	1 1 5 2 7 4
Reggina	7	0 3 4 6 12 3

Japan		
J-League		
- 17 Oct -		
Yokohama Marinos	1	Verdy Kawasaki
Sanfrec Hiroshima	2	Shimizu S-Pulse
Avispa Fukuoka	3	JEF United Ichihara
Gamba Osaka	1	Urawa Red Diamonds
Kashiwa Reysol	1	Kashima Antlers
Kyoto Purple Sanga	0	Yokohama Flugels
Bellmare Hiratsuka	3	Cerezo Osaka
Jubilo Iwata	0	Nagoya Grampus Eight

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Kashima Antlers	3	Avispa Fukuoka
JEF United Ichihara	1	Yokohama Marinos
Verdy Kawasaki	0	Jubilo Iwata
Yokohama Flugels	1	Bellmare Hiratsuka
Shimizu S-Pulse	0	Kyoto Purple Sanga
Nagoy Gramp Eight	0	Urawa Red Diamonds
Cerezo Osaka	5	Kashiwa Reysol
Sanfrec Hiroshima	2	Gamba Osaka

Table		
Kashima Antlers	25	17 8 54 25 54
Nagoya Gramp Eight	25	18 7 55 32 54
Yokohama Flugels	25	18 7 50 36 54
Urawa Red Diamonds	25	17 8 46 27 52
Jubilo Iwata	25	17 8 43 32 52
Kashiwa Reysol	25	17 8 56 44 51
Verdy Kawasaki	25	15 10 54 39 45
JEF Utd Ichihara	25	12 13 40 37 36
Yokohama Marinos	25	12 13 33 35 36
Shimizu S-Pulse	25	10 15 43 49 31
Gamba Osaka	24	10 15 34 48 30
Bellmare Hiratsuka	25	9 16 36 52 27
Sanfrec Hiroshima	25	9 16 29 46 27
Avispa Fukuoka	25	8 17 36 53 26
Cerezo Osaka	25	7 18 32 50 21
Kyoto Purple Sanga	25	4 21 15 51 12

Northern Ireland		
Coleraine	3	Glentoran
Crusaders	3	Ards
Linfield	3	Glenavon
Portadown	0	Cliftonville

Table		
Coleraine	3	3 0 0 5 2 9
Crusaders	3	2 1 0 6 3 7
Linfield	3	1 1 1 3 1 4
Portadown	3	1 1 1 3 3 4
Cliftonville	3	1 1 1 2 2 4
Glenavon	3	1 1 1 4 6 4
Glentoran	3	0 1 2 4 6 1
Ards	3	0 0 3 3 7 0

Poland		
Wisla Krakow	2	Amica Wronki
Sokol Tychy	0	GKS Katowice
Slask Wroclaw	0	Widzew Lodz
Polonia Warszawa	1	LKS Lodz
Ruch Chorzow	1	Zaglebie Lubin
Odra Wodzislaw	0	Rakow Czestochowa
Hutnik Krakow	1	Stomil Olsztyn
Lech Poznan	0	Legia Warszawa
Gornik Zabrze	2	GKS Belchatow

Table		
Legia Warszawa	12	8 2 2 25 11 26
Widzew Lodz	12	7 4 1 22 7 25
GKS Katowice	12	6 5 1 19 11 23

Amica Wronki	12	7 2 3 17 14 23
Lech Poznan	12	6 2 4 17 15 20
Wisla Krakow	12	5 3 4 11 10 18
Hutnik Krakow	12	5 2 5 12 13 17
Sokol Tychy	12	5 2 5 17 21 17
Odra Wodzislaw	12	4 3 5 19 20 15
Polonia Warsz	12	4 3 5 13 17 15
Rakow Czestoch	12	4 3 5 10 14 15
GKS Belchatow	12	4 2 6 15 16 14
Zaglebie Lubin	12	3 4 5 15 19 13
Gornik Zabrze	12	3 3 6 15 19 12
Stomil Olsztyn	12	3 3 6 16 19 12
Slask Wroclaw	12	3 2 7 11 17 11
LKS Lodz	12	2 5 5 14 18 11
Ruch Chorzow	12	2 4 6 10 17 10

Russia		
Premier League		
Kam Naberezh Chel	3	Dynamo Moscow
Rostselmash Rostov	1	Krylya Sovetov Samara
Zenit St Petersburg	2	Lokomotiv Nizhny Nov
Zhemchuzh Sochi	1	Tekstilshchik Kamyshin
Baltika Kaliningrad	2	CSKA Moscow
Chernomor Novoro	0	Rotor Volgograd

Table		
Rotor Volgograd	32	20 7 5 56 24 67
Spartak Moscow	31	19 8 4 63 29 65
CSKA Moscow	32	19 6 7 55 31 63
Alania Vladika	31	19 6 6 56 34 63
Dynamo Mosc	32	18 7 7 53 33 61
Lokomotiv Mosc	31	14 10 7 42 27 52
Zenit St Peters	32	13 4 15 31 34 43
Lokom Niz Nov	32	12 6 14 34 46 42
Krylya Sov Sam	32	11 8 13 28 36 41
Torpedo Mosc	31	10 11 10 36 40 41
Rostselmash Rostov	32	11 7 14 53 54 40
Baltika Kalining	32	10 10 12 35 34 40
Zhemchuzh Sochi	32	10 5 17 35 51 35
Cherno Novoro	32	9 6 17 31 49 3
Kam Nab Chel	32	8 6 18 36 52 30
Uralmash Yekat	31	7 9 15 35 52 30
Tekstilsh Kamy	32	4 12 16 24 42 24
Lada Togliatti	31	4 6 21 17 52 19

Scotland		
Premier		
Dunfermline	1	Dundee United
Kilmarnock	2	Raith
Motherwell	1	Hibernian
Rangers	2	Aberdeen

Table		
Rangers	9	7 1 20 7 22
Celtic	8	6 1 1 22 8 19
Aberdeen	9	4 3 2 20 10 15
Hibernian	9	4 2 3 9 12 14
Motherwell	9	2 5 2 10 8 11
Hearts	8	3 2 3 10 14 11
Dunfermline	9	2 4 3 12 19 10
Kilmarnock	9	2 2 5 10 18 8
Dundee Utd	9	1 3 5 6 10 6
Raith	9	1 1 7 8 21 4

Division 1		
Airdrieonians	3	Stirling
Clydebank	2	Greenock Morton
Dundee	0	Partick
Falkirk	2	St Johnstone
St Mirren	4	East Fife

Table		
Dundee	10	6 2 2 10 6 20
St Johnstone	10	5 2 3 15 8 17
Airdrieonians	10	4 5 1 18 12 17
Greenock Morton	10	5 1 4 13 10 16
St Mirren	10	4 2 4 17 13 14
Falkirk	10	4 2 4 8 7 14
Partick	10	3 4 3 15 10 13
Clydebank	10	4 1 5 10 16 13
East Fife	10	1 4 5 8 24 7
Stirling	10	1 3 6 9 17 6

Division 2		
Berwick	1	Clyde
Brechin	0	Stenhousemuir
Hamilton	1	Ayr
Queen of the South	2	Livingston
Stranraer	2	Dumbarton

Table		
Ayr	10	7 2 1 22 10 23
Livingston	10	6 3 1 16 9 21
Hamilton	10	6 2 2 18 8 20
Stranraer	10	5 2 3 11 10 17
Clyde	10	4 2 4 12 13 14
Queen of the South	10	3 3 4 15 19 12
Stenhousemuir	10	2 4 4 12 6 10
Brechin	10	2 4 4 11 12 10
Dumbarton	10	1 3 6 9 19 6
Berwick	10	1 1 8 13 33 4

Division 3		
Alloa	3	Montrose
Cowdenbeath	3	Inverness C.T.
East Stirling	2	Queen's Park
Forfar	0	Albion
Ross County	2	Arbroath

Table		
Inverness C. Thistle	10	5 3 2 18 14 18
Montrose	10	5 2 3 17 12 17
Cowdenbeath	10	5 2 3 16 12 17
Albion	10	4 4 2 13 8 16
Alloa	10	4 3 3 15 13 15
Ross County	10	5 0 5 14 14 15
Forfar	10	3 2 5 16 21 11
Arbroath	10	2 4 4 7 11 10
Queen's Park	10	2 4 4 13 18 10
East Stirling	10	2 2 6 8 14 8



South America		
Super Cup		
Quarter-Final		
Santos (Bra)	2	Atletico Nacional (Col)
Velez Sarsf (Arg)	3	Olimpia (Par)

Spain		
Real Madrid	6	Real Sociedad
Extremadura	2	Zaragoza
Valladolid	3	Compostela
Athletic Bilbao	2	Tenerife
Deportivo Coruna	2	Espanyol
Hercules	1	Oviedo

Table		
Real Madrid	8	5 3 0 19 7 18
Deportivo Coruna	8	5 3 0 14 4 18
Barcelona	7	5 2 0 21 11 17
Real Betis	7	4 2 1 13 5 14
Valladolid	8	4 2 2 12 6 14
Real Sociedad	8	4 2 2 12 11 14
Atletico Madrid	7	3 2 2 11 7 11
Racing Santander	7	3 2 2 10 11 11
Sporting Gijon	7	3 2 2 9 11 11
Athletic Bilbao	8	3 2 3 11 14 11
Tenerife	8	3 1 4 16 10 10
Rayo Vallecano	7	3 1 3 12 8 10
Valencia	7	3 1 3 10 7 10
Oviedo	8	3 1 4 11 12 10
Logrones	7	3 1 3 7 9 10
Espanyol	8	2 2 4 11 12 8
Celta Vigo	7	2 2 3 6 9 8
Zaragoza	8	1 4 3 11 15 7
Compostela	8	2 1 5 8 21 7
Sevilla	7	1 1 5 3 8 4
Hercules	8	1 1 6 4 17 4
Extremadura	8	1 0 7 5 21 3

World Cup		
Qualifier		
Mexico	2	Jamaica



WORLD STORIES

BARCELONA KNOCK IN EIGHT AGAINST LOGRONES

Newcastle scored five, Real Madrid managed six, PSV Eindhoven hit seven but Barcelona trumped them all with eight goals on a weekend of free-scoring across Europe.

In Spain, Hristo Stoichkov and Brazilian stars Ronaldo and Giovanni turned Barcelona's game with Logrones into a personal scoring battle as the Catalans swept back to the top of the table with an 8-0 win on Sunday.

With 20 points from eight games, Barcelona goes two ahead of Real Newcastle moved to the top of England's Premier League after handing Manchester United its heaviest defeat in 12 years on Sunday, thrashing them 5-0 and avenging a string of heart-breaking recent losses at the hands of the champions.

Not since October 27 1984, when United lost 5-0 at Everton, has the biggest club in British soccer been so humiliated.

Newcastle is now on 24 points, three ahead of London sides Arsenal and Wimbledon and five clear of United.

Liverpool, whose Merseyside derby against Everton was washed out by torrential rain earlier today, is fourth with

a game in hand.

PSV Eindhoven thrashed Feyenoord Rotterdam 7-2 to regain the lead in the Dutch first division in a match packed with drama and goals.

The Rotterdamers scored the first



Hristo Stoichkov: Scored freely with Barcelona against Logrones

and last of the match, but the rest of the evening belonged to PSV.

Champion Ajax Amsterdam needed an equaliser six minutes from time against lowly Volendam to save it from defeat.

In stark contrast to the rest of Europe, the big German Bundesliga games finished goalless.

A brilliant performance from goalkeeper Stefan Klos helped reigning champion Borussia Dortmund clinch a 0-0 draw at Bayern Munich in their top-of-the-table clash on Sunday.

Bayern stay level on points with leaders VfB Stuttgart who also drew 0-0 at Bayer Leverkusen on Friday. Dortmund are fourth, four points behind the leading duo.

Italy's European champions Juventus opened up a one-point lead at the top of Serie A after goals from France's Zinedine Zidane and Yugoslav Vladimir Jugovic ruined Inter Milan's unbeaten record in Turin on Sunday.

The win leaves Juventus with 13 points from six matches, one ahead of AC Milan, who put successive league and European Cup defeats behind it with a 3-1 home win over Napoli.

MILAN'S SURPRISING LOSS

AC Milan squandered the lead and suffered another upset in the Champions League losing 2-1 in Gothenborg to a side which had lost its two previous games.

After George Weah had put the Italian Champions ahead, the Swedes hit back with goals from Eric Wahlstedt and Niclas Alexandersson both scored in the last 15 minutes.

1987 Champions Porto remain one of only two teams to have won all their three games so far, with a 1-0 victory over Rosenborg in Norway. Their brilliant Brazilian Jardel 2-goal hero at the San Siro, scored another important goal, in the last minute, to give the Portuguese a maximum nine points and put them six points clear of Milan in Group D.

In Group B, Borussia Dortmund put a stop to Atletico Madrid's previous free-scoring rampaging and in front of their own volatile supporters to boot. Stefan Reuter's killer goal gave the German Champions a 1-0 win and makes them the only other team in the competition to maintain a 100 per cent record with 9 points.

Atletico Madrid's two previous victims who had conceded them 4 goals each, met in Bucharest with the Romanian Champions taking all three points at the expense of Widzew Lodz. The Poles join Rangers as the only other 'pointless' team in the entire Competition.

In the most glamorous group - C, reigning European Champions Juventus were held 1-1 by Rapid in Vienna. They went ahead through Christian Vieri in the ninth minute but Rapid grabbed their second point thanks to a 25 meter free-kick blasted in by their Polish defender Andrzej Lesiak.

The Group's other giants Manchester United laid their Turkish bogey to rest with a 2-0 win at Fenerbahce thanks to goals from David Beckham and Eric Cantona. They remain one point behind Juve who lead the group with seven.

England midfielder Paul Gascoigne was expelled as four-times European Champions Ajax Amsterdam crushed eight-times-in-a-row Scottish Title Winners Rangers 4-1, in the new Amsterdam Arena.

Gazza got his marching orders for kicking Dutch defender Winston Bogarde on the ankle in an off-the-ball incident, when Rangers were trailing by only a solitary headed goal from Dani.

Their game fell apart after that and further goals from Dani, Nigerian Babangida and Nordin Wooter leaves the hapless Scots at the foot of the Group A table without so much as a point to their name.

In the same group, Auxerre the small-town French Champions, beat Grasshoppers of Zurich 1-0 thanks to a Thomas Deniaud goal. They form a tight group with their victims and Ajax who are all on 6 points.



Dani: Teenager headed home two goals

PSG DUMPED IN TURKEY

Defending European Cup Winners Cup holders Paris St Germain face the prospect of an early, second round exit after losing 4-2 to Turkey's Galatasaray in a roller coaster match in Istanbul.

The French league leaders, missing their Brazilian top scorer Leonardo, fell 2-0 behind inside 15 minutes, recovered to 2-2 but were 4-2 down after 49 minutes and struggled to contain their opponent for the rest of the game.

The Turks, inspired by Romanian international midfielder Gheorghe Hagi, opened the scoring after five minutes of a frenetic first half, through striker Hakan Sukur and added a second through midfielder Tugay Kerimoglu nine minutes later.

The French did at least hit back with two vital away goals within two minutes

from captain Paul Le Guen and Brazilian Julio Cesar to give themselves some hope for the second leg in Paris in a fortnight's time.

Galatasaray surged forward in search of more goals after Hakan Unsal had restored the two goal advantage, but will still fancy their chances of progressing to the quarterfinals.

Elsewhere there were few surprises. Barcelona, among the favourites to usurp PSG came from behind to beat Red Star Belgrade 3-1 at Nou Camp.

Brazilian Giovanni, thriving in the temporary absence of compatriot Ronaldo, scored Barcelona's first two goals before Portugal's Luis Figo rounded off a comfortable night for the Catalans, attempting to recapture a trophy they won twice in the 1980s.

Fiorentina defeated Sparta Prague 2-1 in a rain soaked Florence, Argentine

Gabriel Batistuta honoured a pledge to his fans with an early goal, and Swedish midfielder Stefan Schwarz added the Italians' second after the interval. Batistuta, who has not scored for a month and who has made a shaky start to the season, told supporters this week things were about to improve.

"Fiorentina and Batistuta are just about to take off and the worst is behind us," he said.

Liverpool, like Barcelona, came from behind to win their tie against Sion 2-1, in Switzerland, which should be good enough to take them through the second leg at Anfield.

Portuguese league leaders Benfica could only beat Lokomotiv Moscow 1-0 in Lisbon, thanks to an eighth minute goal from close range by Joao Pinto.

REAL MOVE TO TOP IN SPAIN

Strikers Davor Suker and Predrag Mijatovic fired Real Madrid to the top of the Spanish first division on Saturday with five of the goals in their 6-1 home win over Real Sociedad.

Deportivo Coruna move into second place on goal difference after beating Espanyol 2-0, with Barcelona dropping to third, one point back, before tomorrow's game against Logrones.

Suker scored a hat-trick and Mijatovic struck twice as Real Madrid played their best football of the season despite going behind after just 10 minutes.

Mijatovic was in particularly fine form, setting up Suker for one of his goals, forcing another own-goal and gaining a penalty, from which Suker scored.

Deportivo Coruna started

nervously against Espanyol but were settled by a goal shortly after the break by Brazilian striker Rivaldo and they ran out easy winners as Frenchman Mikael Madar added a second.

In other games, Zaragoza's poor run continued with a 2-1 defeat at first division newcomers Extremadura, a side that had not won a single point in the opening seven games of the season.

The loss is likely to increase the pressure on coach Victor Fernandez, in a season in which four sides face automatic relegation from the first division.

Valladolid moved up to a surprising fifth place after beating Compostela 3-1, and Hercules won their first point since the opening match of the season with a 1-1 home draw with Oviedo.

INCE GETS TWO WEEKS

England midfielder Paul Ince, French international Christian Karembeu and Germany's Euro 96 star forward Oliver Bierhoff were each given two match suspensions by Italy's Serie A judiciary from last week.

The ban for Inter's Ince was the most controversial, following his sending off in the Milan club's 2-0 home victory over Piacenza.

Ince was shown the red card after Piacenza's Giampietro Piovani, waiting for a corner to be taken, collapsed theatrically in the goalmouth clutching his head as if he had been hit by the Englishman in an off the ball foul.

Television replays showed clearly that Ince had merely tweaked the Italian's ear. Ince, who is black, appeared to have been provoked also by a racist taunt that Piovani later admitted making in the heat of the moment.

Piovani, who was later sent off himself in the closing seconds for elbowing an opponent, was also banned for two matches.

Sampdoria's Karembeu was sent off in the second half of his team's 2-1 defeat against Bologna for hitting opponent Igor Shalimov after being fouled by the Russian.

Bierhoff was sent off for a particularly bad foul in Udinese's 1-1 draw at Napoli. The German had earlier scored his team's equaliser.

MLS CHAMPIONSHIP DECIDED

Just before we went to press Los Angeles Galaxy met Washington DC United in the USA Major League Soccer Championship match. Washington ran out winners by 3-2 in extra time.

We plan to bring a report of the game to you next week, providing we are able to obtain all the details we require.

So far it has proved difficult to gain the type of coverage we know you would like to have from our usual news sources.

Maybe SBS can obtain a video of the game to show on their 'World Soccer' program on Saturday night.

The top team was: Mark Dodd, Dallas Burn; Robin Fraser, Los Angeles; John Doyle, San Jose; Leonel Alvarez, Dallas.

Midfield: Etcheverry, Washington; Preki, Kansas City; Mauricio Cienfuegos, Los Angeles; Roberto Donadoni, New York - New Jersey; Carlos Valderrama, Tampa Bay Mutiny.

Strikers: Eduardo Hurtado, Los Angeles; Roy Lassiter, Tampa Bay.



Carlos Valderrama: Top of the poll in the USA

KARLSRUHE DEMOLISH ROMA

Clinical finishing by midfielder Thorsten Fink, who scored twice, and South African striker Sean Dundee steered Karlsruhe to an impressive 3-0 home victory over Italy's Roma in the UEFA Cup second round.

Fink gave the Germans the lead in stoppage time at the end of the first half with a brilliant glancing header past the right-hand post.

In the 58th minute Dundee pounced at the left-hand post to fire in an excellent cross from the left from Michael Tarnat.

The two scorers then combined for the third goal in the 75th minute. Dundee flicked the ball acrobatically to Fink in the penalty area and the midfielder struck the ball sweetly into the left-hand corner.

The result puts the Germans in the driving seat for the second leg in Italy in two weeks.

"We put them under pressure right from the start and didn't let them come at us," Fink said. "We wanted to show from the start that we were the favourites."

JIM PARISIS CREATES HISTORY

By ROY HAY

South Melbourne kicked off the 1996-97 season in the National Youth League Victorian Division with a two-one away win over the Gippsland Falcons in the Latrobe Valley on Saturday 12 October. Falcons led one-nil after new signing Manoa Masi put away a cross from the right by Alex Halikias after 56 minutes. South came back at the 77 minute mark with striker George Tsirtis running on to a through ball to beat the defence. The same player scored the winner two minutes later after a passage of play inside the Falcons penalty-area.

Sunshine Georgies opened its account at home to newcomer Bentleigh Greens with a single goal win at Chaplin Reserve. It was a good open game with the Greens using the width of the pitch very well, especially after the Georgies were reduced to ten men following the sending-off of Mohammed El Kersh for his second bookable offence. Darko Stojilkovski scored the decisive goal for the Georgies after 74 minutes.

Jim Parisis will be immortalised as the first player to score a goal in a competitive soccer match at Victoria Park when he put the Collingwood Warriors ahead with a low drive under keeper Tom Ukalovic of Melbourne Knights after only two minutes. Jeff Stefanidis nearly made it two, but Tom Batur headed his net-bound effort out from under the cross bar. The Warriors had much more of the first half with Branko Bacak and Marko Di Sauro

National Youth League (Victoria Division)



Round One SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 1996

Gippsland Falcons (Masi)	1	South Melbourne (Tsirtis 2)	2
Sunshine Georgies	1	Bentleigh Greens (Stojilkovski)	0

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 1996

Altona Magic	0	VIS (Anastasiou 2, Petrovski)	3
Box Hill (Match postponed)	v	Thomastown Zebras	
Collingwood Warriors (Parisis, Liapis, Georgiaildis)	3	Melbourne Knights (Raspudic, Medugorac, Bacak)	3
Springvale City (Terek)	1	Green Gully (Kindtner, Denni, Perri, Trajkovski, Moore)	5
Melbourne Knights Colts	4	Heidelberg united (Amiridis, Maragos)	2

free kicks the closest they came. But from the start of the second, the Knights hit back with a near post header by Martin Raspudic bringing them level. Petros Liapis restored the Collingwood lead with a fine header from a cross by Tony Polykandritis, but then Tom Gavran released Mario Medugorac who beat his man and shot home. Two minutes later a long shot was raffled by keeper Gal and Bacak thumped it into the net

to put the Knights ahead for the first time. With four minutes of the shortened game to go substitute Peter Georgiadis fired in a long shot which bounced over keeper Ukalovic and went into the net despite the efforts of the Knights defence to clear. So it ended three-all. Heidelberg United took a two-one lead in the first half against Melbourne Knights colts for whom Ivan Razov scored in reply to efforts by Tass

Amiridis and John Maragos. Then new signing from Sunshine Georgies, Adis Kablar took a hand for the Knights, scoring a hat-trick in the 57, 68 and 87 minutes to secure a four-two win for his

Green Gully had the biggest win of the round by five goals to one away to Springvale City which has decided on giving its younger players a run in the Youth League. Fielding nine Under-

National Youth League (Victoria Division)



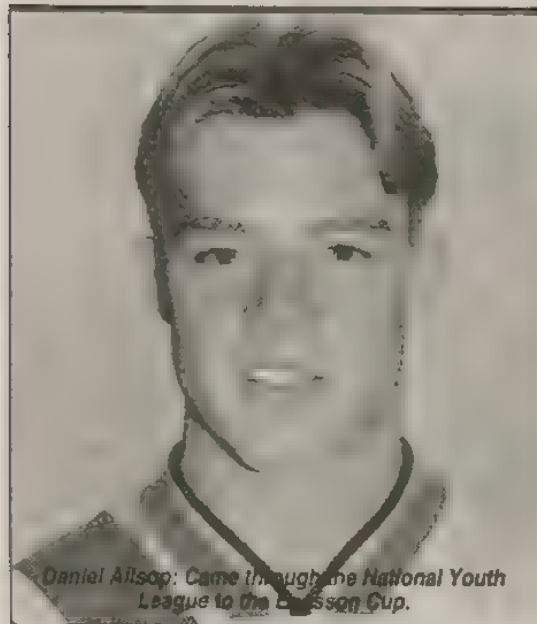
Round Two 18-20 OCTOBER 1996

Bentleigh Greens (own goal, Papettas, Ogos, Christou)	4	Box Hill (Salemme)	1
Sunshine Georgies	1	Heidelberg United	0
VIS (Petrovski, Vassallo)	2	Melbourne Knights (Razov)	1
Green Gully (Maglovski, Kindtner)	2	Altona Magic (Josifovski)	1
South Melbourne (Opazo 3, Tsirtis)	4	Springvale City	0
Melbourne Knights (Bacak 2,	3	Gippsland Falcons (Masi)	1
Thomastown Zebras	0	Collingwood Warriors (Bouzis 2)	2

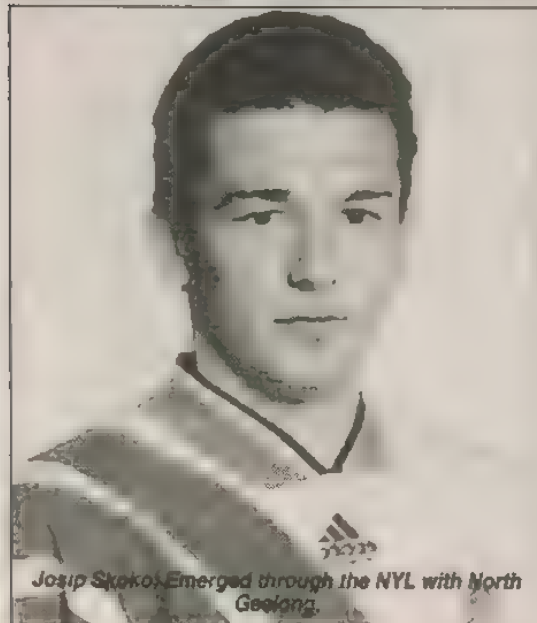
15s Springie was no match for the powerful Green Gully team which looks like it has started where it left off last season. John Kindtner opened the scoring in 26 minutes and from then on goals came in a steady stream from Marco Denni, David Perri and Nikolce Trajkovski, before David Terek pulled a goal back for the persistent Springvale youngsters. Daniel Moore added the fifth goal for Gully late in the game.

The Victorian Institute of Sport downed its host club Altona Magic by three goals to nil at Paisley Reserve under lights. The VIS took command early with Levent Osman showing why Frank Arok is so keen to sign him for Gippsland Falcons with a series of surging runs from midfield. Les Anastasiou blew the game apart with two goals in two minutes at the 34th and 36th minutes, and Bill Petrovski added a third at the

57th. The young Altona Magic team showed its usual close control and skill, but found the VIS irresistible on the night.



Daniel Allsop: Came through the National Youth League to the Essendon Cup.



Josip Skoko: Emerged through the NYL with North Geelong.

National Youth League Results 1996/97 (Northern Division)



Round Two

Marconi Fairfield (Racker 89)	1	Marconi Fairfield Colts	0
Sydney United	0	NSW I.S. (Harries 75)	1
Wollongong City (Lloyd 72)	1	AIS (Carle 62)	1
QAS (Heath 45; Bourke 60; Jackson 74)	3	Newcastle Breakers	0
UTS Olympic (Alexiou, 26; Gonzales (Valeri 18) 43 pen, 63; Sevares 88)	4	ACT Academy	1

PUMA STREET SOCCER RESULT



The Puma Street Soccer Cup 96 finals were held in London recently. The rules are similar to Indoor with bigger goals.

At Under 16 Australia managed to beat Croatia 3-2 in extra time. The score was 2-2 at the end of normal time in a Semi Final.

The Aussies went on to take the Final. In the Under 14s Croatia squeezed past the Czech Republic 2-1 in the Final.

Disappointment in Sydney's East

BY BOB BROOKS

Last week the Board of Directors of the NSW Soccer Federation took some far-reaching decisions concerning the three top divisions in that State's organisation.

It must be born in mind that the Administrative State of NSW is broken into two in the Soccer sense. The divide is roughly the Hunter River which empties into the sea at Newcastle. From there to the Queensland border is Northern NSW territory.

There will be 36 teams equally divided into three divisions of 12 teams each. The top competition is still called Super League, although what Rupert Murdoch makes of that, remains to be seen!

In the last season there were 14 teams in the Super League. Their numbers have been reduced by three. Illawarra Lions from the Wollongong area, Rockdale City Suns from next door to Kingsford Smith Airport and Warringah Dolphins, the only team on Sydney's north shore have all been dropped to

Division 1.

The 1996 Division 1 champions, by seven points, and Grand Final winners Sydney Cosmos have failed in their bid to gain admittance to Super League. Despite having a virtually integrated arrangement with the Eastern Suburbs Association, a professional set up, a solid bank of committed sponsors and a go ahead Board, they were not accepted.

They point to over 4,000 registered players in the Association area, a remarkable recovery from just three years ago. It is acknowledged that this tangible success is due to the juniors having somewhere to aspire to - their own senior club, at the highest level - Super League.

They were stunned into disbelief by the, to them, "unfairness of it all". "We have done so much and yet still we get knocked back," echoed Coach and former Socceroo Joe Watson and Chief Executive Maurice MacAllister.

However 14 minus three,

comes to eleven. Surprisingly Sydney United have been included in Super League.

Seven teams serve the west of Sydney. One, Leichhardt, loosely the City, two the South ie. Sutherland and St George. With Central Coast and Adamstown, from Newcastle, making up the balance.

Two massive areas are neglected - the northern districts from Manly all the way up the Peninsula, and across to say Carlingford and down to the Parramatta River.

Then there is the Eastern Suburbs from the northern edge of KSA (the airport), through the densely packed areas through to the south shore of the harbour.

Both these areas are potential gold mines for supporters, players and participants in this great game.

What has happened and more importantly, what are the implications for Soccer in those two vital areas?

Surely the Soccer family is entitled to some reasoned and believable explanation.



By knock out from Super

Match reports continued from p. 5...

SYDNEY WORLD CUP



ALL AGE COMPETITION

Group A

Chile	4	Irak	1
Italy	1	Lebanon	1

Group B

Serbia	5	Yugoslavia	0
Turkey	3	Palestine	0

Group C

England	1	Israel	0
Portugal	0	Poland	0

Group D

Cyprus North	3	Argentina	1
Spain	2	Syria	2

ALL AGE COMPETITION

Group A

Italy	7	Lebanon	0
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Group B

Australia	2	Korea	1
Scotland	3	Argentina	0

UNDER 18 CHAMPIONSHIP

Group A

Chile	2	Spain	2
Portugal	3	Turkey	1

Group B

Lebanon	3	Australia	1
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SHARKS RECOVER TO INFLICT DEFEAT

West Adelaide 3 Perth Glory 1

Ericsson Cup newcomer, Perth Glory slumped to its second successive defeat of their inaugural season, going down 3-1 to West Adelaide at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

An own goal just before half time and two more by returning West striker Jimmy Tsekini were enough to inflict the second defeat on Perth.

The Sharks deserved their win and the three points would have been a tonic for coach Adrian Santrac's outfit that was hammered 6-1 at Newcastle in the first round.

The home side started brilliantly and could have been on the board as early as the second minute through player of the match Tsekini.

Perth goalkeeper Tom Maras backpedalled from a West long ball and the lob shot by the Sharks' striker looped just over the bar.

The chance marked the first of many for Tsekini, who recently returned from trials with Crystal Palace in England.

The man of the moment missed narrowly again in the eighth minute. He was already indicating he would be a constant thorn in the side of an inexperienced Perth defence.

The Glory found form gradually during the first half and forced West into errors without ever providing a strong threat themselves.

Maras saved at the feet of Pablo Cardozo in the 31st



Tsekini: Scored on his return to the Sharks side.

minute but Perth could not hold out the home team until half-time.

A high cross from Cardozo on the left found midfielder Jamie Perin on the back post and the former Adelaide City man hit the ball firmly back across the face of goal.

Defender Gareth Naven attempted to block the ball but succeeded only in helping it into the back of the Perth net.

Perth's hopes of a draw were effectively finished just two minutes into the second half through Tsekini.

After working to the byeline, a cross from Cardozo found the head of Tsekini whose effort appeared to be blocked by a stray Perth arm.

Penalty appeals were quickly stifled as West attackers saw the partly blocked shot run into the net.

With the situation near hopeless, Perth failed to

West: Harkness, Thorp, Perin, Slager, Hooker, Alagich, Castro, Cardozo, Milosevic (Artone 29), Day, Tsekini
Perth: Maras, Beretovac, C Naven, Buljubasic, G Naven, Miller, McVittie (Wilkinson 76), Despotovski, McKenzie (Strudwick 31), Ithier, Wingell.

Scorers: West: OG (38), Tsekini (48, 67)
Perth: Strudwick (89)
Yellow Cards: None
Referee: E. Brazzale
POV: 3-Tsekini (W), 2-Hooker (W), 1-G Naven (P)

mount a serious challenge and the Sharks grew in confidence, ensuring a lop-sided contest for the remainder of the 90 minutes.

Tsekini had a shot blocked in the 62nd but could not be denied five minutes later when a powerful shot was partly smothered by Maras but the ball still ran into the goal, providing more reward for the hard running striker.

The Sharks could have added a fourth late in the game when captain Robbie Hooker shot over from close range with the keeper stranded but it was Perth that had the final say when sub Paul Strudwick bundled the ball over the line following confusion in the home defence.

WOMEN'S WRITES

BY JANENE MAR

SUMMER LEAGUE UPDATE

Plans for the yet to be named summer league are hotting up with the release to States of the proposed dates.

The six ITC states have been asked by AWSA to officially confirm their participation along the lines of the draft league proposal by 31 October. The proposal has been in circulation since the Australian Championship in Darwin. AWSA is confident of full support from each of the participating State associations.

"In terms of the mechanics of the league, all is in place for a 6 December kick off in Canberra," said new Chief Executive Warren Fisher. Split into a southern conference (ACT, SA, VIC) and a northern conference (NSW, NNSW, QLD), each team will host a round of three matches from the Friday evening to Sunday morning. As mentioned Canberra starts the ball rolling, with Sydney to follow on 13 December.

The entire month of January has been left vacant to cater for the expected visit of Olympic gold medalists USA to our shores. Confirmation of the tour is eagerly awaited from the US federation.

The break also takes in the school holidays and will allow the opportunity to launch the second half of the league. Four consecutive weeks of competition from 7 February will then complete the

preliminary round, starting with Melbourne, then Newcastle, Adelaide and Brisbane. All six teams will then play off in Canberra 20-23 March before the climax of the finals on the following day. Actual match venues are yet to be confirmed.

Fisher commences the all-important task of marketing the league with this week's agenda including a meeting with Soccer Australia's marketing manager. Obviously running against a tight timeframe, a number of other avenues are also presently being explored.

The promotion of the inaugural league throughout all six centres will be tied in with the launch of AWSA's new range of posters and publicity material. Supporters of the National Team can look forward to products featuring eight Australian Team members, including Sarah Cooper, Joanne Peters, Lisa Casagrande, Louise McMurtrie and Kristyn Swaffer.

"We will be promoting the players as individuals on and off the field," said Fisher. "It's an opportunity to market them not just as a team, but also the personalities. I hope as we move along the road to 2000, the players will become known to the public as individuals as well." The players will be highlighted on a player postcard series, to form part of a promotional kit. "Not only is it a great way



Kristyn Swaffer (L) & Lisa Casagrande: Both Australian team members should feature in Summer Comp.

of promoting some of the players in the league, but there will be the longer term

benefits as the material is distributed through the States and schools," said Fisher.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA AWARDS

The South Australia WSA capped off a fine year with its Annual Presentation Night last week. Awards were made to players and clubs from all four divisions of the SA league as well as some special presentations to State Team members.

Encouragement Award --- Adelaide Blue Eagles

Consolation Cup --- Modbury Vista

Bailetti Cup --- Sturt Marion

Referees' Choice Awards

Div 4 --- Debbie Trubee (Gepps Cross)

Div 3 --- Cathy Votino (Woodville)

Div 2 --- Erin O'Shea (Stirling District)

Div 1 --- Anna Ruotolo (Metro Knights)

State Team Awards

U16 Best Player --- Jessica Halfpenny

U16 Coach's Award --- Renice Reeves

U19 Best Player --- Natalie Thomas

U19 Coach's Award --- Melanie Burnell

Snr Best Player --- Kristyn Swaffer

Snr Coach's Award --- Sarah Barker

Highest Goalscorer

Div 4 --- Debbie Trubee 37 (Gepps Cross)

Div 3 --- Cathy Votino 19 (Woodville)

Div 2 --- Erin O'Shea 28 (Stirling District)

Div 1 --- Sharon Black 32 (Sturt Marion)

League Winners

Div 4 --- Gepps Cross

Div 3 --- Sturt Marion

Div 2 --- Stirling District

Div 1 --- Sturt Marion

UNIVERSITY GAMES CORRECTION

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A fortnight ago, it was reported the final of the Australian Universities Games women's soccer competition was contested by eventual winners CSU Mitchell and University of New England.

In fact the team which lost the final to CSU Mitchell on a penalty shootout was the Australian National University from Canberra. ANU were unlucky to go down, after an impressive performance throughout the week.

Our full apologies to all involved with the ANU team for the error.

Warren Fisher, new Chief Executive of the Australian Women's Soccer Association, brings with him a fresh vitality to the top position. In the chair for just a week, already he has a clear picture of the direction he envisages for the future of women's soccer in Australia.

AWSA has been aiming its focus on the National Team over the last couple of years, and ground-breaking achievements have been made in this area. Fisher however now sees the need to concentrate more effort on building up the sport at the state and local level, to support that elite structure.

"One thing that needs to be done underneath that is to support the States in their administration. Working at exposing the game to encourage new players - we need to present the opportunities to play at every level."

"There are a lot of ways we can do that," explained Fisher. "Closer links with the schools system - there is a tremendous number of schoolgirl players. Often the States and the

AWSA don't know how many are out there at school level. We need to identify them, make them part of the overall system and keep them in the game. Kids tend to play several sports, and then choose when they get older. We must get in there and push the soccer ahead of the others so they're inclined to stay with us."

29 year old Fisher is revelling in the challenge ahead, excited at the prospects of a sport in its greatest growth period ever, in the leadup to our own Olympic Games. "Someone is writing the script for me, and they're saying all the right things."

"Any venture's success or failure is dependent on the timing. There is no better time for coaches, administrators and players to be involved in women's soccer. With any sport, there are great expectations for 2000. But aside from all that, there's excitement at all levels. More people coming into the game, more opportunities at all levels, and a sport more professionally run."

But Fisher's most immediate task is to ensure the success of the yet to be

named summer league, comprising the six ITC teams, kicking off in just over a month. "Obviously I am coming in at an exciting time. With a December start, there is a fair bit to be done before then. Promoting, letting people know about it. The soccer side of things will take care of itself, with the coaches already in place."

Although coming to AWSA straight from the role of General Manager of the Northern Territory Soccer Federation, Fisher is relatively new to soccer, and women's soccer in particular. But by no means should this be considered a negative. His recent introduction to soccer adds the ingredient of a fresh unbiased approach, and new and unbridled enthusiasm.

"Energy, impartiality, and a genuine belief in the future of the sport," responded Fisher when quizzed of the qualities he would bring to the position. "The areas I enjoy most are marketing and promotions. I have a media background, and will expand on the relationships currently enjoyed with the media."

A former ACT State representative in rugby union

and seven seasons for ANU in the then premier competition, Fisher studied at the University of Canberra, attaining a degree in journalism with an emphasis in marketing. In no rush to then enter the business world, the opportunity was taken to travel, during which time the realisation was made that his passion lay in taking on sports administration as a career.

"When I went to Darwin, I had no idea I'd end up in that job it's not the reason I went there. I wanted to give myself a break, set some personal goals. I wanted the opportunity to achieve things on my own where I would be challenged."

Fisher ended up spending three years at the helm of NTSF, gaining a solid grounding in the workings of sport and its management.

"I'd describe the job there as very hands on. In terms of an education in sports administration, there is no better apprenticeship than working in the Northern Territory. The nature of the environment presents unique obstacles and challenges."

Fisher was instrumental in bringing NT soccer together

under the banner of the NTSF. Previously, a number of separate bodies had run men's competition, women's soccer and representative teams, with the federation itself having little or no input.

NTSF now runs all senior competition, and in 1994 entered the Singapore League, becoming the first ever Australian group to put a team of any description in an overseas competition.

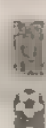
During his reign, Fisher also gave NT soccer a home, securing a lease on a prime facility. Plans are also in place for a multi-million dollar purpose-built complex within four years. He added, "Darwin is a very welcoming place - I thoroughly enjoyed it there. And what was particularly pleasing for me was that one of my last tasks was to convene the senior nationals in Darwin."

Fisher's first introduction to women's soccer on a national level was as the NT

delegate to an AWSA management committee meeting in Brisbane last year, and came away not disappointed. "I was impressed to find everyone so willing and enthusiastic. From day one, I saw women's soccer as an area I'd be happy to be involved in."

The recent moves made within Soccer Australia over recent times is the model Fisher feels AWSA should mirror. "Soccer Australia has attracted successful people from other areas of business. They have come along in leaps and bounds, and we should see what they do well as an organisation and try and mirror that."

Soccer Australia's continued support in including promotional women's game in their schedule has helped enormously in reaching the general public. Fisher realises the venture's potential in educating the 'average punter' that women's soccer is also entertaining and a viable spectator sport.



SOUTH AMERICA

— COMPILED BY MARIO ETCHART —



WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS THE NEXT ROUND

The South American World Cup qualifying rounds will continue next month with very important matches especially for the Copa America champions, Uruguay, Colombia and Ecuador.

The Uruguayans, after their dramatic 1-0 win against Bolivia, in Montevideo, need another victory to consolidate their chances of qualifying for France '98.

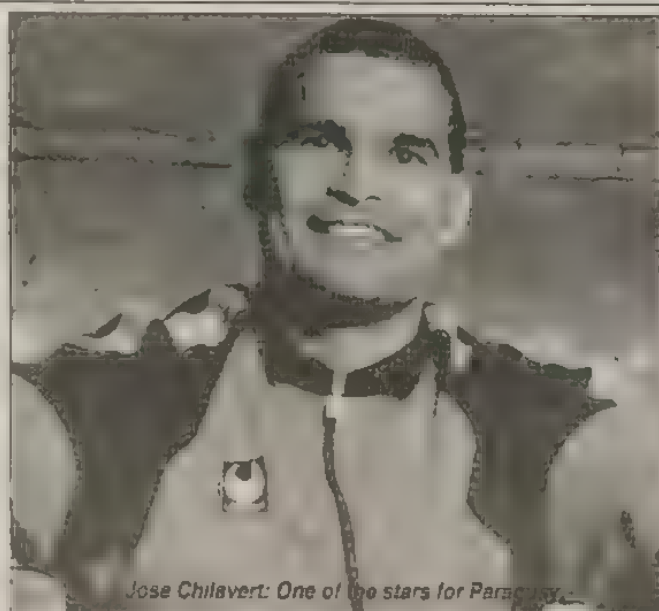
Although the 'sky blues' won by an own goal from Bolivian defender Juan Pena, Raul Blanco, who was with the Australian U/20 squad in South America said that Uruguay dominated the whole match against a very defensive Bolivian team who tried to play a counter attacking game.

Nevertheless a goal is a goal and the home team took the vital three points in a situation where they had only two choices: 'win or win' as Hector Nunez, the Uruguayan national coach told Blanco in Montevideo.

Now Uruguay travels to Santiago, to face Chile on November 10, in another crucial game for both teams.

The Chileans since Nelson Acosta replaced Xavier Azkagorta as coach showed some improvement in their play, regardless of their two consecutive defeats against Colombia, in Barranquilla, and Paraguay in Asuncion.

With the Uruguayan tactician in charge, Chile defeated Ecuador 4-1 in Santiago, and then lost 4-1 in Colombia in very hot and humid conditions. In their last game, against the Paraguayans, Chile lost 2-1 in a



Jose Chilavert: One of the stars for Paraguay

very hard fought encounter, but showed more determination and character.

Chile is in a must win situation if they want to continue in the race for a berth in France '98. Uruguay who also improved with the return of its captain Enzo Francescoli, will have to confirm their form shown against Bolivia.

Colombia, the unbeaten leader of the South American qualifier, will face Bolivia in La Paz. The Bolivians are always a difficult opponent when they play at home, especially in the altitude: 3,700 metres above sea level.

The return of Spanish coach Antonio Lopez to the Colombian squad, and the almost sure return of its two star strikers Marco Etcheverry and Edwin "Platini" Sanchez, will increase their chances of victory.

Bolivia played four games, with only one win, one draw and two losses. Their 0-0 draw against Peru in La Paz, was considered by the local press as a "defeat". They have to 'win or win' if they still expect to have a chance of qualifying for France '98.

Meanwhile, Colombia inspired by another important victory over Ecuador, in Quito, will come to the

match with four victories and one draw away, against Peru.

Among the victories, Colombia defeated Paraguay, Uruguay and Chile, in Barranquilla, but Bolivia is a different proposition at its own home ground.

So far, Faustino Asprilla, Carlos Valderrama and goalkeeper Faryd Mondragon have been the outstanding players in Colombia's squad, and they could be the ones who make the difference against the Bolivians.

In another qualifier, Paraguay will be the favourite to win against Ecuador in Asuncion. But playing at home has always been very difficult for the "guaranies". The pressure at "Defensores del Chaco" stadium is unbearable and a draw or a loss won't be acceptable for the local fans.

Jose Luis Chilavert, one of the best goalkeepers in the world, defenders Carlos Gamarra and Catalino Rivarola, midfielder Roberto Acuna and striker Richard Baz are the stars among a very solid and powerful Paraguayan team.

Ecuador, second in the South American qualifying group, suffered an unexpected 1-0 defeat, at home, against Colombia.

Francisco Maturana's boys must have to improve if they want to take the points in Asuncion. A lot will depend on the form of star midfielder Alex Aguinaga and striker Eduardo Hurtado.

In the other game, Peru, at home, should beat Venezuela, the weakest team of the tournament.

URUGUAYAN NATIONAL LEAGUE

The new Uruguayan national league, where teams from the capital and the country take part, has kicked off with most of the results favouring the clubs from Montevideo.

Sixteen teams will compete

for four berths in the Uruguayan Pro Libertadores league, to be played at the beginning of 1997. Penarol, winner of the Uruguayan league first phase and Nacional, victorious in the second phase, are already qualified.

FIRST ROUND RESULTS:

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Atlantida (Canelones)	0	Defensor Sporting (Montevideo)	0
San Eugenio (Artigas)	0	Danubio (Montevideo)	2
Atenas (Maldonado)	1	River Plate (Montevideo)	1
Ceibal (Salto)	0	Huracan Buceo (Montevideo)	3
Rampla Juniors (Montevideo)	2	Porongos (Flores)	1
Liverpool (Montevideo)	1	Bella Vista (Paysandu)	0
Central (Duranno)	1	Wanderers (Montevideo)	1
Plaza (Colonial)	3	River Plate (Rocha)	2

SOUTH AMERICAN

AFA SUPERCUP RESULTS



Velez Sarsfield (Argentina) 2 Olimpia (Paraguay) 0
Played: Jose Amalfitani Stadium, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Crowd: 17,000

Velez Sarsfield: Chilavert, Herrera, Sotomayor, Pellegrino, Cardozo, Husain, Gomez, Bassedas, Moriggi, Camps, Posse

Olimpia: Battaglia (24th Tabarelli), Caceres, Herib Chamas, Franco, Caniza, Jara, Esteche, Sotelo, Vidal Sanabria, Bourdier, Torres

Goals: Chilavert (18) with a powerful free kick, Camps (43)

Referee: Marinho (Brazil)

Flamengo (Brazil) 1 Colo Colo (Chile) 1
Played: Benedito Texeira Stadium, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Crowd: 2,000

Flamengo: Ze Carlos, Rivera, Junior Baiano, Ronaldao, Gilberto, Marques, Mancuso, Costa (Iranildo 62), Nelio, Bebeto, Aloisio.

Colo Colo: Arbiza, Henriquez, Reyes, Gonzalez, Guevara, Espina, Emerson, Salas, Rubio (Sierra 46), Avila (46 Barticciotto), Tapia (Ferrero 81)

Goals: Junior Baiano (Flamengo 14); Ferrero (Colo Colo 88)

Referee: Nieves (Uruguay)

CONMEBOL CUP RESULTS

Lanus (Argentina) 2 Guarani (Paraguay) 0
Played: Manuel Ferreira Stadium, Asuncion, Paraguay
Crowd: 4,000

Guarani: Espinola, Isasi, Sanchez (Perez 50), Ortiz, Ocampos, Silva (Laterza 35), Franco, Soto, Ovelar, Caballero (Gonzalez 61), Rojas.

Lanus: Roa, Barrios, Serrizuela, Siviero, Gonzalez, Mena, Fernandez, Lacosegliaz, Ibagaz (Coyette 56), Belloso (Cravero 75), Coimbra (Enria 63)

Goals: Mena (35), Coyette (67)

Referee: Ortube (Bolivia)

Rosario Central (Argentina) 0 River Plate (Uruguay) 0
Played: Centenario Stadium, Montevideo, Uruguay.
Crowd: 2,000

River Plate: Monserrat, Rodriguez, Picun, Tiscornia, Diaz, Salazar, Guaglianone, Martins (Corbo 45) (Curbelo 77), Dos Santos, Lopez (Benzo 45), Paredes.

Rosario Central: Abbondancieri, Ordenez, Chavez, Kesman, Arruabarrena, Fernandez, Barrella (Boasso), Daniele, Palma, Cardetti (Garrone), Da Silva.

Referee: Aliaga (Bolivia)

Rosario Central, the current title holder, qualified for the semi finals.

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ROTHMANS YEAR BOOK 96/97

Rothmans Year-book 1996/97 was a tad behind schedule but is now available but not easy to find in the book shops as usual. It is known throughout the world as 'the Bible' of British football and is now in its 27th year of publication.

The book covers every aspect of British football, and Irish, within it's 960 odd pages from results, statistics - players, goals, attendances etc - to Player of the Year trophies, both British and European plus World, important addresses, history, phone/fax numbers, grounds,

nicknames and player histories. This book has it all.

The price is around the \$50 mark. Simply go to your local bookshop and quote the following number: ISBN 0-7472-7781-8 and they can order it in from Headline Books with NO added airmail charges.

If you only buy a couple of football books a year, this should be one of them. Without a shadow of a doubt it's the best of its kind, ask just about any media personality as they all use them. If they don't, they lag a long way behind the rest.

RADIO TIMES

If you fancy a laugh tomorrow night, tune into Sydney Radio Uno on 1620AM Wednesday nights from 8.00pm - 10.00pm and listen to the "Soccer Stop" show. Providing the latest news on the local and international scene plus two special guests (?) will be appearing, Mrs Jones boy and yours truly. As ever, we'll be taking an irreverent look at our wonderful game and hope to provide a few laughs and a bit of fun along with all the latest gossip. Radio Uno can be picked up in Newcastle 1314AM,

Wollongong and Sutherlandshire 99FM, Katoomba 87FM and throughout the Sydney Metropolitan area on 1620AM so join us tomorrow night and share in the fun.



WIMBLEDON RECORD

Well done to that bastion of footballing prowess, the crowd pleasers extraordinaire, that magnificent ball playing side Wimbledon on achieving a club Premier League record of six wins on the trot. Perhaps the above is overdoing it a bit but the side have not been playing the 'up and under' nearly as much in recent times although the big hoof is still evident on occasion, but who doesn't use it now and again?

You must agree with

manager Joe Kinnear when he says, "If Liverpool, Man Utd or Newcastle play a long ball, it's called a 'long pass' but if Wimbledon do it, it's the kick and rush, up and under long ball story again." In all fairness, he's 100% correct.

Wimbledon became synonymous with those tactics as they rose from non-league to top flight football in a matter of 10 years or so, under the guidance of Dave Bassett. Dave is as honest as the day is long and those were the tactics best suited to the side and players he had but try shifting a label when its applied.

Arsenal are boring, Man Utd are moaners, Chelsea supporters are hooligans, Leeds followers are racist etc.

What once may have been the case is not necessarily the same today so it's fair to give praise where it's due. The Dons are riding high after a terrible run at the start of the term and as we all know, will cause more problems for teams as the season wears on and will no doubt have a direct bearing on where the trophy ends up in May 1997. However, it cannot possibly be at Selhurst Park, can it?



MEMORABILIA

For true collectors of football memorabilia, readers may be interested in a new fanzine style magazine called The Football Collector.

Inside the pages there are valuations on what things are worth these days - Esso 1970 World Cup Medals, World Cup Willie items, postcards, badges, programmes etc - and, if required, where to lay your

hands on them. For more information, write to: Pete Vale, The Football Collector, 179 Grove Street, Balderton, Newark, Notts NG24-3AS. Full details of subscriptions and back issues from the above address and a note of interest for avid fanzine readers, Pete Vale used to be the editor of the Leeds United fanzine "Till the World Stops" and very good it was too. Nice bloke our Pete.

WANDERERS CELEBRATE FIFTY YEARS

50 not out, the best of British? Probably better to ask the Glebe Wanderers Soccer Club that one as they celebrate 50 years of existence. Formed after the war under the present title, they joined the local Protestant Churches Soccer competition but their history can be traced way back to 1927.

At that time, Wentworth Park was a transit camp for newly arrived immigrants and after church on Sunday, it was not uncommon for footie matches to be played.

The name 'Wanderers' was considered appropriate as the club consisted mainly of immigrants and pre war players returning after hostilities, indeed, it was through their pre-war days that the 1st Sydney Boys Brigade team began. They joined the NSW Soccer Association and spent many successful years in the local Sydney Amateur league.

It was in 1992 that they entered the

NSW Federation Leagues 6th division, storming to the championship and Grand Final. In the 1994 and 1995 seasons, they didn't lose a game when taking out the 5th and 4th division titles. 1996 saw a bad year for the club as they only managed to finish 3rd in the 3rd Division and lost out to a "Golden Goal" in the Grand Final, their 3rd final in 3 years. They've also raised many dollars for charity along the way too!

To celebrate 50 glorious years, a special dinner is to be held on November 2nd at the Hyatt Kingsgate Hotel, William Street, Darlinghurst. Past and present players will be there along with after-dinner speakers, prizes, a band and a disco with all food and beverages included in the price. Anyone interested in attending or wanting more information should call either Chris White on 0418 471 729 or Mick Hanratty on (02) 9369 1745 or 0414 644 055. A great time should be had by all!

Bosnich incident at Spurs

We cannot let the Mark Bosnich incident pass by without comment. The Nazi salute at White Hart Lane was totally out of character for the man and he has apologised quite sincerely for his actions, which is nothing short of what you would expect from him, as he is a bubbly man with a great personality. However, I do find it hard to muster belief in the excuse that he didn't know of Tottenham's strong Jewish element.

There isn't a side in the country that doesn't refer to their supporters as "Yiddos", a derogatory name for anyone Jewish. Added to this is their supporters, well aware of this, usually carry the Israeli flag, the Star of David, to games and wave it madly. A gesture of defiance more than recognition of the opposition fans, never more obvious than in the great north London derbies. If Bosnich didn't know of Spurs following, he must be very naive to say the least.

Bosnich mentions that it was a joke that badly back-fired. Very true words indeed. He also states that he lost family during the Second World War, under the Nazi fascist regime, and the latest hostilities between the former states of Yugoslavia. Again, a fair comment, but actions speak louder than words, alas. Having been charged with bringing the game into disrepute by the FA, he will now face a hefty fine and possibly suspension if found

guilty of racist taunting, a stigma that nobody would want next to their name.

The fact is and will remain, Mark did something so far out of his normal sphere, it surely must have been a rush of blood. He is no racist and probably did mean it as a joke when the crowd started singing: "There's only one Jurgen Klinsmann", with reference to an incident a couple of seasons ago when both went for a ball which Bosnich attempted to punch clear, missed, belted the German and knocked him cold. The action has been described as meant to represent Basil Fawlty during the famous episode of Fawlty Towers by some. However the English media have really gone to town on this one.

If meant in earnest, or put another way, done deliberately, it must be up there with the 'Cantona incident' and as such, be dealt with in the same way, there can be no argument but in all honesty, it must be seen for what it was, a stupid prank that went badly awry.

Mere words can never placate those fans for which his actions brought back vivid and nightmarish memories but when put into the context it was meant, stupid and naive as it may be, the FA should exercise, not leniency perhaps, but an understanding of the facts and reasons.

Let's hope that no stigma is attached to Bosnich, although he will receive plenty of 'treatment' from the fans after this, and for those insulted by the 'salute', hope that they find it in their hearts to forgive if not forget.

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Dundee United FC

BY STUART JONES

Ground:	Tannadice Park
Address:	Tannadice Street, Dundee, DD3 7JY
Railway Station:	Dundee
Founded:	1909
Admitted to League:	1910
Ground Capacity:	12,616
Seats:	12,616
Pitch Size:	109 * 70 yds
Largest Gate:	28,000 v Barcelona Fairs Cup 16 Nov 1966
Biggest Win:	14-0 v Nithsdale Wanderers Scottish Cup 1st Rd 17 Jan 1931
Heaviest Defeat:	1-12 v Motherwell Div 2 23 Jan 1954 1-11 v Ayr United League Cup 13 Aug 1952.
Nickname:	The Terrors
Colours:	Tangerine and Black
Honours:	Lge: Pre ier Div: 1982-83 Division 2: 1924-25, 1928-29 Scottish Cup: 1994 League Cup: 1979-80

History: This club started life as Dundee Hibernian. They were the natural inheritors of an Irish Catholic tradition according to Simon Inglis in "Football Grounds of Great Britain". They actually started at Tannadice Park which at the time was called Clepington Park.

They had two problems, ridding the ground of incumbents Wanderers and their close proximity to the other club, Dundee. They decided to take both head on and moved in to an empty ground as Wanderers sought revenge after being kicked out by ordering the ground to be wrecked. Hibs seemed to have plenty of money and within months had an enclosed ground. On August 18, 1909 they opened Tannadice Park and a season later won a place in the Second Division ahead of clubs like St. Johnstone and Dunfermline. In 1922 the club lost league status and were only hauled back thanks to hard lobbying by leading businessmen. The new board changed the club's name to Dundee United and in the 20s and 30s they bounced between divisions.

After the war, in 1956, Dundee United became the first Scottish club to run its own pools competition. By 1962 they had built new stands after a long drawn-out process and the ground's capacity was increased to 28,500. On November 10 the club switched on floodlights for the first time and six days later they had their biggest-ever gate, for a European game against Barcelona.

For many years Jim Maclean was the Mr. United at Dundee. The club won the Scottish Cup in 1994, but were relegated soon after. They have re-joined the Premier again this season and dream of a repeat of 1983.

TWENTY YEAR OLD SKOKO A SUCCESS

By JOHN VISKOVICH

Josip Skoko, 21 on December 10 was born in Geelong, Victoria of migrant parents.

Recently Skoko managed six goals in four games for Hajduk Split in Croatia. These were all scored in UEFA Cup qualifiers from his favourite midfield position.

He visited the former Yugoslavia in 1988 with his parents and thoroughly enjoyed Velez Mostar's 1-0 win over Red Star, Belgrade.

Skoko was astounded to be playing alongside Alosa Asanovic last season. Asanovic has since left for Derby County in England's Premier League.

Split is a seaside city and it in some ways reminds the Victorian of his home in Geelong.

Steve Horvat, formerly of Melbourne Knights and a Socceron, and Josip are good friends at Hajduk because both speak English. However, his Croatian is gradually improving.

The Hajduk fans or 'Torcida' have really taken to him. Skoko reckons that to hear 20,000 fans screaming his name is a great feeling.



Josip Skoko: Loves to hear his name being chanted.

Weird and Wonderful

By STUART JONES

With Ravanelli, DeMatteo and Vialli doing so well in England, Inter Milan have lost the services of young Carbone to Nottingham Forest (who also have Australian Anthony Carbone in their youth team). It's interesting how when Wednesday were winning early on, Manager David Pleat praised the English players and said how they may not need the foreigners. (I wonder what he regarded Regi Blinker as?). Now they are losing a few, he is off buying 'excellent talent'.

Talking of foreigners, the Thomas Brolin v Leeds United battle continues to boil. How can this man be paid so much and threaten to retire if he does not get his way, a permanent move to Sion in Switzerland? He has signed a contract and if Leeds want his services then bad luck! In real life, if you sign a contract you are forced to see it out, sorry - no sympathy here for Brolin!

Meanwhile, Asprilla continues to score for Columbia and yet cannot repeat it for the Geordie lads in black and white. Maybe it has something to do with Shearer and Ferdinand being in his way towards goal. With Lee, Ferdinand, Shearer, Asprilla, Beardsley, Ginola and Gillespie, you'd be a worried person if you suffered a goal famine (especially considering you only have Paul Kitson to call on). I think Ruel Fox is happy with his decision to leave St. James Park for Tottenham.

Pierre Van Hooydonk seems to have settled his differences with Celtic and that all bodes well for that clubs challenge on Rangers. His goal against Motherwell could be vital at season's end.

Reeves rejects Preston and then Reeves joins Preston! That's how the Lancashire papers would read anyway. Alan Reeves had a fee agreed between Preston and Wimbledon to join North End but rejected the personal terms. So what did Manager Gary Peters do? He went and bought Reeves' twin brother from Carlisle instead. The Cumbrians are said to be very happy with the terms.

For all those who suffer from asthma take encouragement from this. In a recent game young Lee Jansen struggled off the field after five minutes and was passed his inhaler. He came back on after a few minutes recovery and took up a starring role in Carlisle's victory. Adversity CAN be overcome, you just must be careful to know your limits.

The Mark Bosnich thing got out of hand this week.

Everyone has the right to criticise because he did a very wrong and stupid thing which has been acknowledged. He should and will, be punished for it. Also, he is probably the reason the team lost the game to Spurs, even Manager Brian Little has said so. However, to demand he be banned for life, or to compare him to Adolf Eichmann is a joke. Yes, he was silly, but he is not a criminal.

Great to see all the major TV stations take coverage of the recent Soccer Australia season launch... now all we need is for them to take footage from some of the games... (Don't forget Optus Vision - it is very affordable and the commentary is excellent).

Everton and Sunderland met four times in just over a month during the 1933-34 season, and scored 27 goals between them. On Christmas Day, Everton won 6-2 at home and on Boxing Day Sunderland won 7-0. An FA Cup tie at Roker on 26 January was drawn 1-1 and four days later Everton won the replay 6-4 after extra time.

In 1963, the FA Cup tie between Birmingham City and Bury was put off 14 times due to the inclement weather!

Finally this week a note on referees. After Mr. Danson admitted Paul Stewart should not have been sent off and got his suspension withdrawn discussion has again arisen on refereeing standards, and helping them. There are claims of too much pressure being exerted and a request for a 30 minute cooling off period after the game before managers approach the match officials. Managers such as Robson, Souness, Reid, Strachan and Atkinson have been in trouble with the FA before. Now there is a renewed call for video aid. But where do we draw the line? Many say, review to see if it crossed the line or not for a goal, but what if the player was offside, should not that be reviewed? And what if the set-up came from a hand ball three minutes before? The line really can't be clearly drawn because you can never predict what might happen on a football field. At present football needs to stick to that great equaliser - the hope that a mistake a ref makes one day that goes against you will be evened out over the season. For over a hundred years humans have run the game, let's keep it that way. Best of Scottish luck Eddie, here's wishing you well!



Mark Bosnich: Regretted his actions which were meant in fun but turned bad.

Shearer delighted to have embarrassed Reds

Newcastle's world record signing Alan Shearer said he was delighted to have embarrassed Manchester United on Sunday as he scored one and set up two goals in his side's 5-0 humiliation of last season's double winners - United's worst defeat since 1980.

The Tynesiders victory, its best win over United since 1929, took it to the top of the premiership, three points clear of Arsenal and Wimbledon.

Liverpool, whose game with Everton was postponed because of a waterlogged pitch, are fourth and Manchester United fifth, five points behind Newcastle.

Newcastle's goals came from Darren Peacock, David Ginola, Les Ferdinand, Shearer and Philippe Albert.

"We were embarrassed by United in the Charity Shield so it was great that we could return the favour today," said Shearer, referring to their 4-0



defeat at Wembley in August.

Shearer, who maintained his run of scoring in every home match this season, cautioned that talk of this being a premiership winning performance was rash.



Alan Shearer: Delighted to have embarrassed Manchester United.

UK STORIES

BOSNICH APOLOGISES IN PERSON

Last Thursday, Mark Bosnich apologised in person to Tottenham's Chairman Alan Sugar over his Nazi-style salute during the previous Saturday's Premiership clash at White Hart Lane.

But Tottenham fans — many of whom are Jewish — are still unhappy with the Aston Villa goalkeeper and have urged Bosnich to take part in the "Kick Racism Out Of Football" campaign being launched next week.

Bosnich, charged with misconduct by the Football Association over the incident, met Sugar at the offices of his Amstrad firm in Brentwood, Essex.

And afterwards the Australian, who has apologised on several occasions since angering Spurs fans, said "I hope this is the end of it."

"It was great of Mr Sugar to allow me to come down to

London to apologise face to face and it goes to show what kind of person he is.

"I hope this can be put to one side and that I can concentrate on playing football again."

Sugar said: "It was meant as a joke that went wrong. I've accepted his apology and that should be the end of it."

However, Bernie Kingsley of Tottenham Independent Supporters' Association, said: "It's all very well apologising to Alan Sugar — but he wasn't among the fans offended."

"It would be a far more constructive use of Bosnich's time if he were to take an active part in the "Kick Racism Out Of Football" campaign being relaunched next week.

"He must now know from his own experience what one thoughtless action, which he thought was a joke, can provoke.

"Bosnich's involvement in

that campaign would carry far greater significance than shaking hands with Alan Sugar."

Bosnich has angrily denied claims that he is racist and in his 400 word apology on Monday he concluded with the statement:

"Anti-semitism and racism are crimes of humanity, jocularly and ignorance are not."



Mark Bosnich: Urged to join anti-racism campaign.

DONS HOLD RANGERS AT IBROX

Rangers' Paul Gascoigne, who called himself "a disgrace" for being sent off against Ajax on Wednesday, ended a traumatic week on a slightly better note with an outstanding goal against Aberdeen on Saturday.

But his goal was not enough to bring Rangers a much-needed Scottish League victory as they conceded an 89th minute equaliser to allow Aberdeen to escape with a 2-2 draw.

Gascoigne, sent off in a European Cup Champions' League match in Amsterdam on Wednesday and alleged to have beaten up his wife Sheryl last weekend, put Rangers ahead after 28 minutes with a 25m free kick high over the wall into the top right hand corner of the net.

Manager Walter Smith admitted he took a gamble on Gascoigne's mental state

before picking him, but his risk seemed to have paid off as Rangers increased their lead when Danish international striker Brian Laudrup added a second after 37 minutes.

But Aberdeen fought back with a 40th minute goal from Brian Irvine and an 89th minute equaliser from Billy Dodds, the league's top scorer, who notched his 17th goal of the season.

Hibernian, which last week became the first team to beat Rangers in the league this season, drew 1-1 at Motherwell, despite having goalkeeper Jim Leighton sent off after only 26 minutes for handling outside his area.

In the bottom-of-the-table clash, Kilmarnock beat Raith 2-1 to leave Raith firmly rooted to the foot of the standings.



Brian Irvine: Equalised for Aberdeen late in first half at Ibrox.

'CRAZY GANG' MUST BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY NOW!

Wimbledon don't play on their own ground, they have the lowest gates in the English Premier League and have even considered moving to Dublin.

But despite all that — and a lot more besides — the club that revels in the nickname the "Crazy Gang" were level on points with Arsenal and Newcastle at the top of what is arguably, the toughest league in the world.

On Saturday afternoon, manager Joe Kinnear's men demolished Ruud Gullit's Chelsea 4-2 at Stamford Bridge for their seventh successive league victory.

Their performance was praised by player-manager Gullit — no bad judge of a good team — and was far removed from their old style 'kick-it-and-see-what-happens-next' philosophy.

Since being voted into the English Football League 19 years ago, Wimbledon have risen through the divisions, won the F.A. Cup and never been relegated from the top flight, which they ascended in 1986.

Just over 10 years ago they briefly topped the old First Division — and their present 2nd, is their highest position since then.

But their game today is very different from the way they played in the past. As

Gullit said: "Wimbledon were excellent in that they paid attention to the small details. They moved the ball around intelligently, they ran and worked for one another. They showed a lot of discipline and are hard to beat."

Wimbledon revel in doing things differently and as Kinnear says:

"We can't compete with the Manchester Uniteds and the Newcastles in terms of money, but we can match their team spirit, their commitment and their ambition on the field — where it matters."

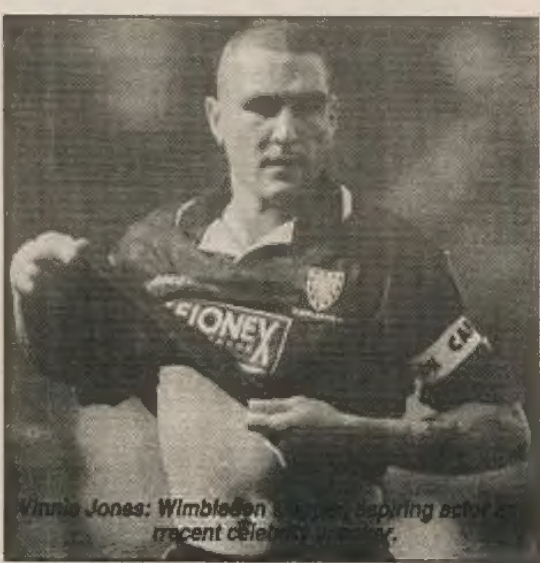
"We don't go out to intimidate anyone, but if we've got the ghetto-blasters going full tilt in the dressing room — well, the opposition know we're there."

Wimbledon skipper Vinnie Jones, former hod-carrier, aspiring actor and a recent guest speaker at the Oxford Union, summed up the current feeling in the Wimbledon camp.

"The spirit is better than it has ever been and the message in the dressing room before the game was that we mustn't let the bubble burst in a bad way by getting heavily beaten."

"We've got to do the things we're good at and as long as we keep doing them we're a match for any team in the country."

Wimbledon never do things



Vinnie Jones: Wimbledon skipper, inspiring actor and recent celebrity speaker.

by halves. At the start of the season they lost three straight matches without scoring a goal and were most people's favourites to go down. Since then they have won seven straight league matches with a goal tally of 20-5, and on Saturday night bookmakers William Hill slashed their championship odds from 100-1 to 50-1.

Behind the scenes Wimbledon are as unorthodox as they have been on it. They ground-share with Crystal Palace, five miles from their old home ground where the record attendance of 18,000 was set in the 1930s against a team of sailors from HMS

Victory.

They train in a public park next to a major road and are bankrolled by their benevolent Lebanese millionaire owner Sam Hammam, who often shuns the directors' box at matches to stand on the touchline cheering the team on, wearing a flat cap and an anorak.

They have to produce their own stars to survive and their Football-in-the-Community scheme is regarded as the best in the country. Thousands of children are enrolled as Crazy Gang members and are trained by the club during school holidays. The search never ends for the uncut schoolboy

soccer diamonds who may one day be worth millions.

Their average gate is around 9,000 and the struggle to survive is so tough they even considered the idea of moving to Dublin where potential support is far greater, but that plan now appears dead and buried. Instead the club are engaged in a fight with their local council to move back to the Wimbledon area of south-west London.

Kinnear, who had a "normal" career with Tottenham and as an Ireland international in the 1960s and 70s, has shrewdly blended all of the club's wilder characteristics with pragmatic footballing sense. But a sense of humour is never far away.

"The only reason Sam came on to the touchline today after the fourth goal went in was to tell the players: don't score any more goals because I can't afford the bonuses."

Kinnear says that Wimbledon's realistic targets this season could be winning a cup and finishing high enough to qualify for Europe. "I've talked before about aiming to finish in the top eight and winning a place in Europe next season and now we're starting to believe that that's possible," he said.

And with Wimbledon, just about anything is

FANS SUFFER VICIOUS ATTACK

A stone-throwing mob attacked Catholic soccer fans today as they arrived in the largely Protestant town of Portadown to attend a game.

Visiting fans of Cliftonville, a north Belfast team supported by Catholics, used bus seats as shields against stones, bottles and other missiles when they were ambushed en route to Portadown's Shamrock Park, 40km south-west of Belfast.

Catholic players' families, including children as young as four, were caught in the attack by Protestant hardliners who have previously singled out Cliftonville's fans for abuse. One bus was badly damaged and no one reached the stadium.

"There was sheer hate in their faces," Cliftonville fan Liam Murray said. "I've never seen hate like it in my life."

"It was unbelievable." More than 10 people were injured including five police

officers. The violence marked the latest bid by Protestants to prevent Cliftonville fans from attending road games. The protesters say they are retaliating because Catholics tried to reroute traditional pro-British Protestant marches away from Catholic areas.

At half-time, with Cliftonville leading 1-0, the Catholic side's players refused to return to the field because they were worried about the safety of relatives aboard the retreating buses.

Cliftonville chairman James Boyce said: "Our fans were given an assurance by the local RUC (police) they would get into the ground and, to be fair, the police did everything in their power to do this."

"The players 'decided this wasn't football any longer', Boyce said. "This situation has got to be sorted out."

"It's a blight on the problems of our society and our country."

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ALAN MACKENZIE, GARETH NAVEN (Captain), SCOTT MILLER, DALE WINGELL, CRAIG NAVEN.